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Hayseed Is Risin'.

We kin all of us remember how long about September
The papers used to tell about the caucus or the fair,
End them fellers from the city used ter git almighty witty
On the feller with the duster that had hayseed in his hair.

They had fun in legislaters with the man what raisd pertaters
If by any hook or crook or chance elected and sent there,
End the reportorial friskers used ter comment on the whiskers
End the carpet-sack of Billson, what had hayseed in his hair.

But, by gum! ef yon've been readin' you observe a strange proceedin
It's the feller with chin whiskers that is slowly getin' there,
End it won't be too surprisin' if by organizin'
Old parties may wake up tew find the hayseed in their hair.

—Texas Farmer.

Correspondence.

FROM COPEVILLE.

COPEVILLE, APRIL, 13 1891.
Editor Democrat.

We had a good rain last night, which was needed, though a continuance of rain just now would be detrimetal to the farming interest.

Cotton planting is the order just now.

A Mr. Moon and family making their way from the spotted fever scorge, at Mesquite, stopped at Mr. Hornbuckles, with a sick child and the Drs. report it this morning a genuine case of spotted fever or meningetus.

Ed Thompson, who we reported as very sick in our last is somewhat improved, and hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

The Geo. C. Cole literary debating society was organized at the old Copeville school building a few night since with a good list of speakers and bids fair to be among the leading society's in the country. The question for next Saturday night is resolved that the south had a right to secede. Among the speaking members are E. E. Blount, J. P. Winder, G. W. Baker, J. F. Lockhart, Howard Cook, W. C. Ivy, and Mark Mc Guyer.

Dr. Gordon, of Lavon was visiting in Copeville Sunday. The Dr. is a favorite with our people and we are always glad to see him.

Gid Watson, Ollie Hall and J. J. Lockhart, together with Misses Anna Watson and Maggie Gulledge, of Allen were visiting friends and relatives at this place last week.

Tom Phillips and family and Mrs. Westbrook, of Princeton, were also among the visitors here a few days ago.

Mrs. G. W. Baker is visiting her mothers family in Louisiana. G. W. is left a widower for a while at least. All wish Mrs. Baker, a pleasant visit and a safe return.

The people here were greatly surprised over the results of the election at Dallas and while we are an independent voting people we were anxious for the election of Mr. Cole, believing that the true democracy of that city being justified in their actions and W. C. Conner, being a bolter, we believed he deservsd a defeat. But oh, McKinney, the seat of the true blue stocking democracy. No body democrats but us. We the seat of the organized democracy. We will appoint a committee to select a candidate for those people to vote for and we want to see the color of the mans hair that will dare to vote against him. The people even in McKinney are fast seeing the evil effects of ring rule and the prophesy now is that the old committee appointing candidate rule must go, the people must and will have a voice.

Mrs. Davis and the kids are well.

I am still yours for honest politics.

PETER I. DAVIS.

From Johnson School House.

APRIL 11th, 1891.
Editor of the Democrat

We now rise to state the proposition.

The weather is fine.

Health is good in our community.

The spring shower is beginning to be needful in our section.

The farmers are almost up with their work, notwithstanding having to plant some of their corn over.

Cotton planting is the order of the day.

You ought to have been out to the exhibition last night. We had a splendid time. There was several candidates there among whom the writer was found in persuit of matrimony.

There was a number of dialogues, essays, songs, and recitations all of which were well acted. Closed with a speech by Proffessor Green, on education. The night being rather cold, did not get through with the program. Another exhibition is expected in August, to finish up. Let's be ready boys and come to the front and build up our community, as it has been dead so long.

Rev. Wm. Phillips, will be off for Dallas this week, in a protracted meeting. That's right rout old cloven foot and set little cupid yelling.

Success to The DEMOCRAT.
CHEROCHEE.

From Parker.

PARKER, APRIL 11, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

We are having some fine weather now.

The farmers are busy planting cotton.

Wheat and oats look very flattering.

The peaches are not all killed.

Our school closed yesterday. The following visitors were present in the afternoon to witness the examination:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Haley, Mrs. Ed Willis, Mrs. Mike Haley. Messrs. John Rossetler, C. C. Gregory, Andy McMillen, and Ike Lewis

Mr. Lewis and Jeff Haley, each made a short talk complimentary of the good work done during the term.

The young men of the neighborhood, who are musically inclined, and are somewhat proficient in the use of the bow, have organized a string-band, which meets every Saturday night.

The people of the neighborhood are to meet to-morrow afternoon to organize a Sunday school. The youngsters are going to get new song books—Harvest Bells, numbers 1, 2, and 3 combined.

PYGMAEUS.

From Lucas.

LUCAS, APRIL 3rd, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

As it has been some time since this scribe has mingled his voice in the columns of your paper I will try to give you a few dots from this vicinity.

Will you have to plant your cotton over? Is the theme for general discussion among the farmers at present.

Tom Knight thinks his corn has got the itch as it requires a great deal of scratching.

Pete Wetsel has scratched up four acres of his corn trying to decide whether to plant it over or not.

Luther Snider, whose health has been very bad for some time, we are happy to say is improving.

Geo. W. Bradley died at his home last Sunday evening and was followed by a large concourse of people to his last resting place in the Fitzhugh cemetery, on Monday evening following. We extend our sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

We have a very interesting Sunday school every Sunday evening, also prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

The legislature has passed a commission law at last. I congratulate Hon. Henry Finch, on his speech on the Sunday law. If it is right to have a Sunday law to cover part of the day. It is right to have one to cover the whole day. I wish to remark right here, that God will hold a nation responsible for the manner in which it disregards the Sabbath day. If we as a nation disregard the laws of Heaven and of our physical natures, we can not reasonably expect to prosper.

It seems that Italy is about to get upon her ears because we wont allow her dead beats to come over here and mob our citizens. If subjects of foreign governments wishes to live in our midst they must walk upright and not plot against the Americans too freely.

E. F. England visited the Hunt county Alliance this week.

UNCLE MIKE.

From Pike.

PIKE, APRIL 6, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

We had some heavy rain last week.

Corn is up and doing very well, although the recent cold weather, it is feared will damage it to some extent.

Wheat and oats are reported as doing fine.

Cotton land is very near all ready for planting at the present time.

Health is very good with the exception of la grippe which has been raging in this part for some time.

Mrs. Overman, died near here this week with fever caused by exposure.

Dr. Eads formerly, of Kentucky, has located here. He says he has had a number of years experience. We wish him success in his undertaking. We have four doctors in our town.

School attendance is decreasing at a rapid rate.

We are informed that Mrs. Kelly, near Oak Grove, is in our midst this week. Mrs. Kelley is about seventy-three years old. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cole. Mrs. Cole has been very sick for the past two weeks.

Success to The DEMOCRAT and its many readers.

YOUR SCRIBE.

PLEASANT HILL RESOLUTION.

Resoled, by Pleasant Hill Alliance No. 1016, that the Alliance heartily indorse the action of the delegated body, which met at Farmersville, March 28th, respecting the protest made by that body against the combination of physicians in that or any other place with reference to their practice among certain classes of people. It is therefore ordered, by the Alliance that the secretary have the above resolution published in The DEMOCRAT.

Done in regular council at Nevada, April 4th, 1891.

From John Johnson.

Editor Democrat.

The town fight is over. The hardest battle that was ever fought in McKinney. The republicans made the best fight that I ever saw made by any party. They first open their batteries upon the center and cut the democrat party in two and captured the chairman of the city democratic club. That left the democrats without a leader.

There were two as competent men as there were in McKinney democrats, came out for mayor, who were informed by this leader that he was going to vote the republican ticket. They saw that there was no chance for them and both withdrew. Now this was a dark day for the democrats, who had to surrender or call a mass meeting and nominate a democrat for mayor. They published circulars calling a meeting for that purpose and had a large turnout. The secretary says there were one hundred democrats, who took part in the nomination, and he called on the democrats present, to state their objections if they had any, to nominating a democrat.

Now it will be remembered that the McKinney democratic club has nearly all the lawyers enrolled on their list, and our county attorney had no opposition to his office, and had plenty time to canvass the county against all independent democrats from constable up. But when it came to mayor (the next political office to congress in the United States) laborers, where were the lawyers the night of this meeting? Of course the county attorney should be excused as it has always been said that he was a republican, and a man will fall in with his first love. There is one young man, who should be remembered by all democrats, Mr. Mangum. The old lawyers who had to go fishing or to Dallas should also be remembered, but never forget the young lawyer, who stood by you in time of need.

County Notes.

WYLIE ITEMS.

[Rustler.]

Joe Daniel and S. S. Hughes went to Dallas Tuesday.

The Baptist is having their new bell put up this week.

H. H. Callaway and Tom Brown have been in McKinney this week.

Mr. Kendrick of Plano has been in the city several days.

Sallie Faulkner was visiting friends in the country this week.

C. D. Chase of Wolf City passed through the city since our last issue.

H. H. Calaway was in Nevada last week.

H. F. Clayton was in Wolf City last Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Milligan was in Dallas last Saturday.

C. L. McCauley was in Plano last Tuesday on business.

B. F. Wood has been in Dallas and Denison this week.

J. H. Pickett was in Dallas last Saturday.

J. W. Cook went to Garland last week.

C. F. Saigling of Plano was in town last Wednesday.

John Williams of Garland was in the city last Tuesday.

John Morris returned from a trip to Dallas Wednesday.

A big fishing party is spoken of on Saturday the 18th.

A. C. Burnecke of Wolf City passed through the city last Tuesday.

Tom Williams and Andrew Burns went to Dallas Tuesday evening.

Cout Housewright was absent from the city this week. The girls all missed him.

William Cooper was absent from the city several days this week.

Prof. Bryant has a large singing class in progress at the Christian church.

The Rustler predicts a wedding soon. We may be mistaken, "but we don't think we are.

There will be a grand entertainment and exercises given at the close of the High school next month.

Mrs C. F. Swayze arrived in the city last Wednesday, but returned with her husband yesterday, who was called to his home by telegram.

Jess Philips is in the city this week, shaking hands with his many friends. He was editor of the Herald while it was ublished here.

Farmersville Items.

[Times.]

Mrs. Stinebaugh is visiting at Nevada.

Charles Hale is right sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Shine returned this week from Ft. Worth.

W. N. Collier was over from McKinney this week.

G. Achard left this week for his home in St Louis.

Mrs. Jackson has been quite sick but is now improving.

Rev. T. J. Milam was greeting old friends on our streets this week.

Mrs. Smith, aunt of Los Allison has returned to Limestone county.

Mrs. Ditzzler, of Como, came up this week to attend the marriage of her son.

Berry Luster, of the Celeste Express gave us a pleasant call last Saturday.

Mrs. L. T. Norwood left Sunday for Aransas Pass to visit her daughter Mrs. Dr. Williams.

Uncle Joe Aston is quite low and his friends and relatives are very solicitous as to his recovery.

J. D. Wylie had the misfortune to lose two good mules last Sunday. A south bound freight overtook them on a bridge, cutting one in two and hurting the other so it died in a short time.

A young man by the name of Bloom, from Paris, Texas, was taken suddenly sick Thursday on the south bound Santa Fe train and was taken off and carried to the Exchange hotel where he now is very low with pneumonia. Drs. Bell and Burt are in attendance and are doing all that medical skill can do to relieve his suffering.

Plano Items.

[Enquirer,]

Ed Nellon of St. Paul was in Plano Monday.

Will Boggess went to McKinney Tuesday.

Jim Boggess and wife were in McKinney Monday.

Ed Newton was in Dallas Sunday visiting relatives.

Judge Abernathy of McKinney was in Plano Wednesday.

Rev. T. H. Coleman, preached in Witchita Falls last Sunday.

Miss Roberta Seawell spent Sunday in Dallas with friends.

Rev. Thompson, of Dallas was visiting relatives in the city last Friday.

Tully Beverly, Esq., of McKinney was in Plano Tuesday.

Miss Allie Mitchell, of Wylie was in Plano Monday visiting Miss Mattie Butler.

Miss Nannie Coleman leaves this week for Kentucky to spend the summer.

Mrs. Nick Dudley has just recovered from a three weeks spell of sickness.

Prof. Hudgins, wife and baby of Allen were in the city Tuesday visiting friends.

Capt. W. N. Bush returned Tuesday and paid Plano a visit while en route to his home at Allen.

J. H. Wetsel and wife were in Richardson Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Skiles.

Frank Reedy, Harry Kendrick and several others left Tuesday for a fish and hunt on Elm bottoms.

The Review don't as a rule, publish anonymous contributions, nor do we have the least idea who "We the Sity of Bonham" is, but the following postal card, through the postoffie, addressed to the editor of this paper, may voice the sentiments of more Bonham people than any one is aware of. We copy verbatim:

"Bonham fannin Texas April 8th we the Sity of Bonham Deem it Nesary to call a mass meeting to see a bout the Boys of our Town molessing stranger when visiting our town and also Ladies and gentlemen when Passing it. Dosent make any odds In Regards of Colar if they aint got any Pride for they selfs. Learn them to have some for others. The town is Backwards enough without this whistling at womens and men as they Pass the Street. So you will allower us this Space In your Paper for the Welfare of the yung Burlesses and Pests of our town. "Sity."
—Farmers Review.

WONDERFUL TROUSERS.

They Not Only Did Not Bag, but Made a Crack Gymnast of the Wearer.

I am somewhat of an athlete, and am in the habit of performing various exercises when I have nothing else to do, and yet held a position where it is important that I should present a gentlemanly appearance.

The problem of how to prevent trousers from bagging has for a long time occurred to my mind and pressed for solution. I have tried the various devices advertised for cure or for prevention. I have consulted my fashionable friends, and even the tailors, fondly hoping they could be induced to give themselves away.

Some of my friends have solved the problem by hanging up in their wardrobes 1,095 pairs of trousers, which, moreover enables them to put on a fresh pair morning, noon and night.

Now, my friends and employers estimate my brain power and business qualifications very nearly as highly as I do. Unfortunately, they do not attribute to them a very high exchangeable cash value.

The important thing, therefore, for me seemed to be to discover a way of making one pair of trousers last 365 days without bagging.

Fortunately, I have a practical knowledge of mechanics, and am of an inventive turn of mind. I have spent the savings of all my past life in patenting car couplers, motors a la Keely, and flying machines which very nearly succeeded in flying. My necessity hatched a new invention.

I went to one of the most skillful and artistic tailors on the Bowery and told him what I wanted, and at the same time warned him that I had a patent on my idea.

My idea was to get some of the cement which enables a broken plate to support a ton of cobble stones and a sheet of the genuine, old fashioned gum—such as the old fashioned gum shoes were made of—and paste back of the knee an oblong piece, wide enough and long enough to cover all that part of the trousers which generally bags. The tailor entered into my idea enthusiastically. He offered to buy the patent outright for twenty dollars, and to give me a royalty of five cents a pair on the first hundred pairs which should be sold. I refused his magnanimous offer, and am holding for a rise."

He thought that if a little elasticity was a good thing a great deal more would be better. I think he must have pasted inside those trousers the soles of his grandmother's gum shoes.

The first time I went out with those trousers on strangers accosted me, and said they should not have known that I had no legs from my walk if they had not been informed that I was a Grand Army man and had had both legs shot off at the battle of Antietam. The cause of their delusion was that as I lifted each foot from the ground the leg from the knee suddenly snapped forward.

On the way home from business I went into the M. A. C. gymnasium. I had no time to put on my gymnasium tights, and contented myself with taking off coat, vest, collar and cuffs. I started in for a run. My friends and the director thought I showed poor judgment in starting at such a pace. Some of the crack runners were on the track, and at the outset I almost equaled their fastest spurts.

But, great Scott, how they were dumfounded when I spurted! They said I got around the track at such a rate of speed that I was only visible as a continuous curve, diabolic rather than parabolic. I felt that if I ran my fastest again I should need a pedometer with an air brake attachment. The swift way in which my feet glided forward and the extent of their reach were especially admired. A crack oarsman's "recovery," they said, was nothing in comparison.

I jumped the high jump. In fact, if I stooped down suddenly, I felt obliged to jump up straight into the air several feet. I broke the records and left the pieces far behind me in "high" and "broad" jumping. I smashed [illegible] lifting machine, and in short did astonishing feats in all that grade of work where the action of the knees comes into play. I was heralded far and wide as a new and marvelous sprinter and jumper.

And, best of all, my trousers now never bag. They keep their virgin form as long as they hold together.—New York Herald.

How He Got Off.

One night Brown came home very late and found his wife evidently prepared to administer a Candle lecture. Instead of going to bed he took a seat, and resting his elbows on his knees, seemed absorbed in grief, sighing heavily and uttering such exclamations as "Poor Smith, poor fellow!"

Mrs. Brown, moved by curiosity, said sharply, "What's the matter with Smith?"

"Ah," said Brown, "his wife is giving him fits just now."

Mrs. Brown let her husband off that time.—Exchange.

Reptiles With 2,000 Teeth.

Many herbivorous reptiles of the mesozoic period had enormously long hind legs, on which they were able to wade far out into the deep water after sea weeds and other food. These creatures were particularly extraordinary in point of their dental equipment, inasmuch as each of them had about 2,000 grinders to chew with, arranged in magazines of 500 each like cartridges.—Interview in Washington Star.

The Points of a Boarhound.

The boarhound is, like many other dogs, of high temper and courage, but quiet when its natural game is out of view. It is obedient enough when properly trained, but has unflinching courage, and when attacked does not know when it is beaten. It is not a dog to keep in town.—English Mechanic.

Not a Warning.

"Your time is up," remarked the contractor to the sexton, having just finished fitting the church steeple with a brand new clock.—American Grocer.

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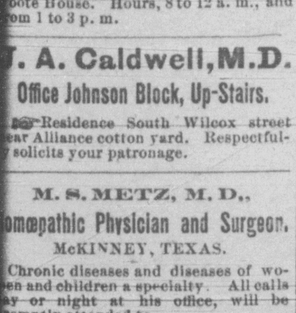

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On the feller with the duster that had hayseed in his hair.

They had fun in legislaters with the man what raisd pertaters
If by any hook or crook or chance elected and sent there,
End the reportorial friskers used ter comment on the whiskers
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But, by gum! ef yon've been readin' you observe a strange proceedin
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We had a good rain last night, which was needed, though a continuance of rain just now would be detrimetal to the farming interest.

Cotton planting is the order just now.

A Mr. Moon and family making their way from the spotted fever scorge, at Mesquite, stopped at Mr. Hornbuckles, with a sick child and the Drs. report it this morning a genuine case of spotted fever or meningetus.

Ed Thompson, who we reported as very sick in our last is somewhat improved, and hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

The Geo. C. Cole literary debating society was organized at the old Copeville school building a few night since with a good list of speakers and bids fair to be among the leading society's in the country. The question for next Saturday night is resolved that the south had a right to secede. Among the speaking members are E. E. Blount, J. P. Winder, G. W. Baker, J. F. Lockhart, Howard Cook, W. C. Ivy, and Mark Mc Guyer.

Dr. Gordon, of Lavon was visiting in Copeville Sunday. The Dr. is a favorite with our people and we are always glad to see him.

Gid Watson, Ollie Hall and J. J. Lockhart, together with Misses Anna Watson and Maggie Gulledge, of Allen were visiting friends and relatives at this place last week.

Tom Phillips and family and Mrs. Westbrook, of Princeton, were also among the visitors here a few days ago.

Mrs G. W. Baker is visiting her mothers family in Louisiana. G. W. is left a widower for a while at least. All wish Mrs. Baker, a pleasant visit and a safe return.

The people here were greatly surprised over the results of the election at Dallas and while we are an independent voting people we were anxious for the election of Mr. Cole, believing that the true democracy of that city being justified in their actions and W. C. Conner, being a bolter, we believed he deserved a defeat. But oh, McKinney, the seat of the true blue stocking democracy. No body democrats but us. We the seat of the organized democracy. We will appoint a committee to select a candidate for those people to vote for and we want to see the color of the mans hair that will dare to vote against him. The people even in McKinney are fast seeing the evil effects of ring rule and the prophesy now is that the old committee appointing candidate rule must go, the people must and will have a voice.

Mrs. Davis and the kids are well.

I am still yours for honest politics.

PETER I. DAVIS.

From Johnson School House.

APRIL 11th, 1891.
Editor of the Democrat

We now rise to state the proposition.

The weather is fine.

Health is good in our community.

The spring shower is beginning to be needful in our section.

The farmers are almost up with their work, notwithstanding having to plant some of their corn over.

Cotton planting is the order of the day.

You ought to have been out to the exhibition last night. We had a splendid time. There was several candidates there among whom the writer was found in persuit of matrimony.

There was a number of dialogues, essays, songs, and rec itations all of which were well acted. Closed with a speech by Proffessor Green, on education. The night being rather cold, did not get through with the program. Another exhibition is expected in August, to finish up. Let's be ready boys and come to the front and build up our community, as it has been dead so long.

Rev. Wm. Phillips, will be off for Dallas this week, in a protracted meeting. That's right rout old cloven foot and set little cupid yelling.

Success to The DEMOCRAT.
CHEROCHEE.

From Parker.

PARKER, APRIL 11, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

We are having some fine weather now.

The farmers are busy planing cotton.

Wheat and oats look very flattering.

The peaches are not all killed.

Our school closed yesterday. The following visitors were present in the afternoon to witness the examination:

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Haley, Mrs. Ed Willis, Mrs. Mike Haley. Messrs. John Rossetler, C. C. Gregory, Andy McMillen, and Ike Lewis

Mr. Lewis and Jeff Haley, each made a short talk complimentary of the good work done during the term.

The young men of the neighborhood, who are musically inclined, and are somewhat proficient in the use of the bow, have organized a string-band, which meets every Saturday night.

The people of the neighborhood are to meet to-morrow afternoon to organize a Sunday school. The youngsters are going to get new song books—Harvest Bells, numbers 1, 2, and 3 combined.

PYGMAEUS.

From Lucas.

LUCAS, APRIL 3rd, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

As it has been some time since this scribe has mingled his voice in the columns of your paper I will try to give you a few dots from this vicinity.

Will you have to plant your cotton over? Is the theme for general discussion among the farmers at present.

Tom Knight thinks his corn has got the itch as it requires a great deal of scratching.

Pete Wetsel has scratched up four acres of his corn trying to decide whether to plant it over or not.

Luther Snider, whose health has been very bad for some time, we are happy to say is improving.

Geo. W. Bradley died at his home last Sunday evening and was followed by a large concourse of people to his last resting place in the Fitzhugh cemetery, on Monday evening following. We extend our sincere condolence to the bereaved family.

We have a very interesting Sunday school every Sunday evening, also prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

The legislature has passed a commission law at last. I congratulate Hon. Henry Finch, on his speech on the Sunday law. If it is right to have a Sunday law to cover part of the day. It is right to have one to cover the whole day. I wish to remark right here, that God will hold a nation responsible for the manner in which it disregards the Sabbath day. If we as a nation disregard the laws of Heaven and of our physical natures, we can not reasonably expect to prosper.

It seems that Italy is about to get upon her ears because we wont allow her dead beats to come over here and mob our citizens. If subjects of foreign governments wishes to live in our midst they must walk upright and not plot against the Americans too freely.

E. F. England visited the Hunt county Alliance this week.

UNCLE MIKE.

From Pike.

PIKE, APRIL 6, 1891.
Editor Democrat.

We had some heavy rain last week.

Corn is up and doing very well, although the recent cold weather, it is feared will damage it to some extent.

Wheat and oats are reported as doing fine.

Cotton land is very near all ready for planting at the present time.

Health is very good with the exception of la grippe which has been raging in this part for some time.

Mrs. Overman, died near here this week with fever caused by exposure.

Dr. Eads formerly, of Kentucky, has located here. He says he has had a number of years experience. We wish him success in his undertaking. We have four doctors in our town.

School attendance is decreasing at a rapid rate.

We are informed that Mrs. Kelly, near Oak Grove, is in our midst this week. Mrs. Kelley is about seventy-three years old. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cole. Mrs. Cole has been very sick for the past two weeks.

Success to The DEMOCRAT and its many readers.

YOUR SCRIBE.

PLEASANT HILL RESOLUTION.

Resoled, by Pleasant Hill Alliance No. 1016, that the Alliance heartily indorse the action of the delegated body, which met at Farmersville, March 28th, respecting the protest made by that body against the combination of physicians in that or any other place with reference to their practice among certain classes of people. It is therefore ordered, by the Alliance that the secretary have the above resolution published in The DEMOCRAT.

Done in regular council at Nevada, April 4th, 1891.

From John Johnson.

Editor Democrat.

The town fight is over. The hardest battle that was ever fought in McKinney. The republicans made the best fight that I ever saw made by any party. They first open their batteries upon the center and cut the democrat party in two and captured the chairman of the city democratic club. That left the democrats without a leader.

There were two as competent men as there were in McKinney democrats, came out for mayor, who were informed by this leader that he was going to vote the republican ticket. They saw that there was no chance for them aud both withdrew. Now this was a dark day for the democrats, who had to surrender or call a mass meeting and nominate a democrat for mayor. They published circulars calling a meeting for that purpose and had a large turnout. The secretary says there were one hundred democrats, who took part in the nomination, and he called on the democrats present, to state their objections if they had any, to nominating a democrat.

Now it will be remembered that the McKinney democratic club has nearly all the lawyers enrolled on their list, and our county attorney had no opposition to his office, and had plenty time to canvass the county against all independent democrats from constable up. But when it came to mayor (the next political office to congress in the United States) laborers, where were the lawyers the night of this meeting? Of course the county attorney should be excused as it has always been said that he was a republican, and a man will fall in with his first love. There is one young man, who should be remembered by all democrats, Mr. Mangum. The old lawyers who had to go fishing or to Dallas should also be remembered, but never forget the young lawyer, who stood by you in time of need.

County Notes.

WYLIE ITEMS.

[Rustler.]

Joe Daniel and S. S. Hughes went to Dallas Tuesday.

The Baptist is having their new bell put up this week.

H. H. Callaway and Tom Brown have been in McKinney this week.

Mr. Kendrick of Plano has been in the city several days.

Sallie Faulkner was visiting friends in the country this week.

C. D. Chase of Wolf City passed through the city since our last issue.

H. H. Calaway was in Nevada last week.

H. F. Clayton was in Wolf City last Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. Milligan was in Dallas last Saturday.

C. L. McCauley was in Plano last Tuesday on business.

B. F. Wood has been in Dallas and Denison this week.

J. H. Pickett was in Dallas last Saturday.

J. W. Cook went to Garland last week.

C. F. Saigling of Plano was in town last Wednesday.

John Williams of Garland was in the city last Tuesday.

John Morris returned from a trip to Dallas Wednesday.

A big fishing party is spoken of on Saturday the 18th.

A. C. Burnecke of Wolf City passed through the city last Tuesday.

Tom Williams and Andrew Burns went to Dallas Tuesday evening.

Cout Housewright was absent from the city this week. The girls all missed him.

William Cooper was absent from the city several days this week.

Prof. Bryant has a large singing class in progress at the Christian church.

The Rustler predicts a wedding soon. We may be mistaken, "but we don't think we are.

There will be a grand entertainment and exercises given at the close of the High school next month.

Mrs C. F. Swayze arrived in the city last Wednesday, but returned with her husband yesterday, who was called to his home by telegram.

Jess Philips is in the city this week, shaking hands with his many friends. He was editor of the Herald while it was published here.

Farmersville Items.

[Times.]

Mrs. Stinebaugh is visiting at Nevada.

Charles Hale is right sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Shine returned this week from Ft. Worth.

W. N. Collier was over from McKinney this week.

G. Achard left this week for his home in St Louis.

Mrs. Jackson has been quite sick but is now improving.

Rev. T. J. Milam was greeting old friends on our streets this week.

Mrs. Smith, aunt of Los Allison has returned to Limestone county.

Mrs. Ditzzler, of Como, came up this week to attend the marriage of her son.

Berry Luster, of the Celeste Express gave us a pleasant call last Saturday.

Mrs. L. T. Norwood left Sunday for Aransas Pass to visit her daughter Mrs. Dr. Williams.

Uncle Joe Aston is quite low and his friends and relatives are very solicitous as to his recovery.

J. D. Wylie had the misfortune to lose two good mules last Sunday. A south bound freight overtook them on a bridge, cutting one in two and hurting the other so it died in a short time.

A young man by the name of Bloom, from Paris, Texas, was taken suddenly sick Thursday on the south bound Santa Fe train and was taken off and carried to the Exchange hotel where he now is very low with pneumonia. Drs. Bell and Burt are in attendance and are doing all that medical skill can do to relieve his suffering.

Plano Items.

[Enquirer,]

Ed Nellon of St. Paul was in Plano Monday.

Will Boggess went to McKinney Tuesday.

Jim Boggess and wife were in McKinney Monday.

Ed Newton was in Dallas Sunday visiting relatives.

Judge Abernathy of McKinney was in Plano Wednesday.

Rev. T. H. Coleman, preached in Witchita Falls last Sunday.

Miss Roberta Seawell spent Sunday in Dallas with friends.

Rev. Thompson, of Dallas was visiting relatives in the city last Friday.

Tully Beverly, Esq., of McKinney was in Plano Tuesday.

Miss Allie Mitchell, of Wylie was in Plano Monday visiting Miss Mattie Butler.

Miss Nannie Coleman leaves this week for Kentucky to spend the summer.

Mrs. Nick Dudley has just recovered from a three weeks spell of sickness.

Prof. Hudgins, wife and baby of Allen were in the city Tuesday visiting friends.

Capt. W. N. Bush returned Tuesday and paid Plano a visit while en route to his home at Allen.

J. H. Wetsel and wife were in Richardson Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Skiles.

Frank Reedy, Harry Kendrick and several others left Tuesday for a fish and hunt on Elm bottoms.

The Review don't as a rule, publish anonymous contributions, nor do we have the least idea who "We the Sity of Bonham" is, but the following postal card, through the postoffie, addressed to the editor of this paper, may voice the sentiments of more Bonham people than any one is aware of. We copy verbatim:

"Bonham fannin Texas April 8th we the Sity of Bonham Deem it Nesary to call a mass meeting to see a bout the Boys of our Town molessing stranger when visiting our town and also Ladies and gentlemen when Passing it. Dosent make any odds In Regards of Colar if they aint got any Pride for they selfs. Learn them to have some for others. The town is Backwards enough without this whistling at womens and men as they Pass the Street. So you will allower us this Space In your Paper for the Welfare of the yung Burlesses and Pests of our town. "Sity."
—Farmers Review.

WONDERFUL TROUSERS.

They Not Only Did Not Bag, but Made a Crack Gymnast of the Wearer.

I am somewhat of an athlete, and am in the habit of performing various exercises when I have nothing else to do, and yet held a position where it is important that I should present a gentlemanly appearance.

The problem of how to prevent trousers from bagging has for a long time recurred to my mind and pressed for solution. I have tried the various devices advertised for cure or for prevention. I have consulted my fashionable friends, and even the tailors, fondly hoping they could be induced to give themselves away.

Some of my friends have solved the problem by hanging up in their wardrobes 1,095 pairs of trousers, which maneuver enables them to put on a fresh pair morning, noon and night.

Now, my friends and employers estimate my brain power and business qualifications very nearly as highly as I do. Unfortunately, they do not attribute to them a very high exchangeable cash value.

The important thing, therefore, for me seemed to be to discover a way of making one pair of trousers last 365 days without bagging.

Fortunately, I have a practical knowledge of mechanics, and am of an inventive turn of mind. I have spent the savings of all my past life in patenting car couplers, motors a la Keely, and flying machines which very nearly succeeded in flying. My necessity hatched a new invention.

I went to one of the most skillful and artistic tailors on the Bowery and told him what I wanted, and at the same time warned him that I had a patent on my idea.

My idea was to get some of the cement which enables a broken plate to support a ton of cobble stones and a sheet of the genuine, old fashioned gum—such as the old fashioned gum shoes were made of—and paste back of the knee an oblong piece, wide enough and long enough to cover all that part of the trousers which generally bags. The tailor entered into my idea enthusiastically. He offered to buy the patent outright for twenty dollars, and to give me a royalty of five cents a pair on the first hundred pairs which should be sold. I refused his magnanimous offer, and am holding for a rise."

He thought that if a little elasticity was a good thing a great deal more would be better. I think he must have pasted inside those trousers the soles of his grandmother's gum shoes.

The first time I went out with those trousers on strangers accosted me, and said they should not have known that I had no legs from my walk if they had not been informed that I was a Grand Army man and had had both legs shot off at the battle of Antietam. The cause of their delusion was that as I lifted each foot from the ground the leg from the knee suddenly snapped forward.

On the way home from business I went into the M. A. C. gymnasium. I had no time to put on my gymnasium tights, and contented myself with taking off coat, vest, collar and cuffs. I started in for a run. My friends and the director thought I showed poor judgment in starting at such a pace. Some of the crack runners were on the track, and at the outset I almost equaled their fastest spurts.

But, great Scott, how they were dumfounded when I spurted! They said I got around the track at such a rate of speed that I was only visible as a continuous curve, diabolic rather than parabolic. I felt that if I ran my fastest again I should need a pedometer with an air brake attachment. The swift way in which my feet glided forward and the extent of their reach were especially admired. A crack oarsman's "recovery," they said, was nothing in comparison.

I jumped the high jump. In fact, if I stooped down suddenly, I felt obliged to jump up straight into the air several feet. I broke the records and left the pieces far behind me in "high" and "broad" jumping, I smashed the lifting machine, and in short did astonishing feats in all that grade of work where the action of the knees comes into play. I was heralded far and wide as a new and marvelous sprinter and jumper.

And, best of all, my trousers now never bag. They keep their virgin form as long as they hold together.—New York Herald.

How He Got Off.

One night Brown came home very late and found his wife evidently prepared to administer a Candle lecture. Instead of going to bed he took a seat, and resting his elbows on his knees, seemed absorbed in grief, sighing heavily and uttering such exclamations as "Poor Smith, poor fellow!"

Mrs. Brown, moved by curiosity, said sharply, "What's the matter with Smith?"

"Ah," said Brown, "his wife is giving him fits just now."

Mrs. Brown let her husband off that time.—Exchange.

Reptiles With 2,000 Teeth.

Many herbivorous reptiles of the mesozoic period had enormously long hind legs, on which they were able to wade far out into the deep water after sea weeds and other food. These creatures were particularly extraordinary in point of their dental equipment, inasmuch as each of them had about 2,000 grinders to chew with, arranged in magazines of 500 each like cartridges.—Interview in Washington Star.

The Points of a Boarhound.

The boarhound is, like many other dogs, of high temper and courage, but quiet when its natural game is out of view. It is obedient enough when properly trained, but has unflinching courage, and when attacked does not know when it is beaten. It is not a dog to keep in town.—English Mechanic.

Not a Warning.

"Your time is up," remarked the contractor to the sexton, having just finished fitting the church steeple with a brand new clock.—American Grocer.

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THURSDAY, Apr. 16, 1891.

EDITORIALS.

A Detroit, Michigan man kept awake 168 hours on a bet.

The Texas Press Association meets at Corsicana, May the 12th.

The legislature has adjourned at last, and the people have a rest.

The people begin to exert their independance more and more as time passes.

Imboden, the Fort. Worth forger pleaded guilty to two charges and got five years.

Sherman's electric railroad is once more in operation and the presses of the Sherman Daily Register are run by electric motors.

J. W. Davis, the murderer of B. C. Evans, the merchant at Ft. Worth, is to hang. His case has been carried to the highest courts and has gone against him.

Wm. Harris, a deaf mute was run over by the H. & T. C. accommodation train at Sherman Sunday afternoon and received injuries from which he died.

We are in receipt of Vol. 1 No. 1 of Fire, a little amature two column folio published at Ennis. It's a very small paper yet, but the greatest fires started small.

Cash's attorneys used the insanity plea in his defence, and succeeded in convincing the jury to the effect, but the public were not fully convinced that he was crazy until he married his divorced wife.

Congressman-elect Simpson, of Kansas, is a man who is not easily embarrassed. The other day he was approached by a female lobbyist, at Washington, who declared that she had heard a great deal of him through the newspapers, and who said: "Mr. Simpson, is it true that you do not wear socks, and will you not let me see for myself whether the story is true or false?" "Madam," replied the gallant Jerry, "I'm a firm believer in reciprocity in all things, and I will show you my socks on one condition and that is that in return you will show me yours." It is hardly necessary to say that the inquisitive female uttered a little shriek and fled hurriedly. Simpson, of Kansas, is not a simpleton by any means.

It may not be said of P. T. Barnum, as it was of David Garrick, that his death ecliped the gayety of nations; but there will be a few homes throughout the country in which there will not be a genuine regret at the news that the old showman is dead. The amusements of a people powerfully influence the national temper, and those which Mr. Barnum presented have given unalloyed pleasure and delight to old and young for half a century. He may be forgiven for all his innocent humbugs, which really were enjoyed; and he will be remembered only as a shrewed and kindly American, whose example of thrift, tireless energy and solid integrity might be profitably imitated.

Independence in Politics.

There has been a great deal said about independence in politics at the same time there has been a great deal more said and written against independence in politics by the "straight" press of the country.

Independence is the fundamental principle on which our government was founded "a government for the people, of the people and by the people." Was it not for independence in politics that brought on and carried to a success the Revolutionary war? Was it not for political independence that those heroic Texians gave up their life in the Alamo? Is it not for independence in politics that the farmer—the bone and sinew of our land—are organizing throughout the country? Eho answers, yes.

It is a self evident fact that the rank and file of the old parties have been marching to the polls and casting their ballots according to the dictates of Wall Street until they are becoming tired of that fashion.

Take the following from the National Democrat for instance.

"Let Democrats everywhere remember that it is their duty as democrats to hold their opinions on all such questions as the currency subject to the decision of the next national democratic convention, and then go in and elect the man who is nominated, whoever he may be. That is genuine democracy, and that is the position of the National Democrat."

"Let democrats remember that it is their duty to hold their opinions." It further says "This is genuine democracy." According to Webster's dictionary democracy means "Government by the people." It advocates government by "The next national demcoratic convention."

The people of the great south and west are heartily in favor of free coinage of silver, yet this paper says they must not speak on the currency question, but must go in and elect whoever the democratic national convention dictates, whether it is in accordance with their views or not; they should have nothing to say on the subject.

The New York Sun is a little more independant on the subject. It says:

"But the sub treasury plan must be squelched or a separate party formed in its defence. If the southeren alliance is to remain democratic, it cannot accept permanently a policy as foreign to democracp as it is preposterous."

Either squelch it or form a party in its defence. Or in plainer language either vote our way or get out of the party.

Is it not time that the people begin to show their independence? or will they continue to vote to the interest of Wall street and against their own.

To vote for whatever or for whoever the bosses of the party dictate, simply for party sake and to keep from being mugwumps, is beginning to be a thing of the past.

In previous years the main issues have been between the North and South. It begins to look like a change had taken place in the political arena of this county and in the future the issues will be between the West and the East.

The press and the people of the West, regardless of North and South, republican or democratic, seem to be in a majority for free and unlimited coinage of silver, yet the predominent party here would have its members kept quiet on that subject with the hope of gaining sufficient votes in New York to "elect their man whoever he may be."

Below we give an extract from the Dallas News of the 5th inst.

ABUSE OF PARTY PRESSURE.

"There are forms of party pressure that go to the extreme of brutal tyranny. There are forms of party psessure that represent the sum of all intolerance of liberty of individual conscience and of liberty of individual option in the exercise of fundamental functions of citizenship. There are forms of party pressure so rife with the spirit of proscription and persecution as to embitter life and make it almost a burden for the high-souled citizen who abhors arbitrary dictations and spurns the yoke and badge of layalty to any law and any interest but the law and the interest of the civil commonwealth, and to create a situation in politics and in public and even private affairs fit only for sodden and contented slaves and for self constituted and self-aggrandizing masters. This spirit inevitably asserts its self when men allow themselves to be banded together and yield as a mass in a so called political party which ceases to have any distinct political aim in coming to be handled as a quasi military organization for sordid prize of conquest."

Public opinion is in the long run the ruling power in this nation. The public is fast being turned in favor of indepen dence in politics and independence is fast exerting itself.

The following is an extract from a speech from Cummins of New York:

"Sir, there is a tribunal that presides over all diplomacy. To it all nations and all men may appeal. It is the tribunal of public opinion. The greatest minds of former generations have taken notice of its unlimited jurisdiction and of its over mastering power. The world's court of conscience never adjourns. Before it soyereign and subject are equal, and all are alike amenable."

The St. Louis Globe Democrat expresses itself on the municipal election and in tha t you can observe the political independence:

"The municipal campaign—if such it can be called—is about over. The issues are well defined. Indeed there is only one issue, and that is, honesty in the conduct of municipal affairs. The republican council ticket, through its candidates, offer only a half promise of needed reforms. It contains the names of three excellent men for whom all good citizens can safely vote. But there are six to be elected, and it will be necessary to go to the Independent ticket for the other three."

We could fill the entire issue with extracts from all parts of the nation, to demonstrate the rapidity with which this independent move is growing, but want of space prevents. The old party lash has ceased to do its work effectully, and will soon be a thing of the past.

LOCAL NEWS.

For a number of years I have been subject to violent attacts of inflammatory rheumatism which generally lasted about two months. On the first of this month I was attacked in the knee and suffered severely for two days, when I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and it relieved me almost instantly. I therefore most cheerfully recommend it to those who are similarly afflicted everywhere;—R. D. WHITLEY, Martindale, N. C., Feb. 1888. Mr. Whitley is a very prominent man in this place and his disease was very widely known as he suffered such severe pain. W. M. Houston & Co., merchants, Martindale, N. C. 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

F. C. Thompson, of the McKinney Democrat, is in our city for a few days, the guest of his uncle, Judge John Grant. He is a young man of fine attainments, and we would be pleased to number him among our citizens.—Jefferson Jimplicute.

For years the editor of the Burlington Junction, (Mo.,) Post, has been subject to cramp colic or fits of indigestion, which prostrated him for several hours and unfited him for business for two or three days. For the past year he has been useing Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhœa Remedy whenever occasion required, and it has inverably given him prompt relief. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros

Prof. E. M. Faust, of the city public school remains master of the situation. A man roughly approached him yesterday about whipping a child. The proffessor soon satisfied him, that the school would be conducted as usual and at the same old stand.

Rapid Writing Business Club.

A practical ten lesson course in quickest to learn shorthand and popular speed business longhand.

The Spencerian author, H. A. Spencer, of New York will conduct a rapid writing business club in McKinney, commencing Monday night, April 20th, at the public school building, at 7 p. m. Special rate for the practical $10.00 course both long and shorthand is only $3 50 under the club arrangement. Childrens class will meet immediately after the public school is dismissed. Tuition $2.00 long and shorthand.

A change from bad to good writing guaranted to all who follow the instructions. The lady and gentlemen making the most improvement will receive back their tuition fees.

Four elegant prizes given at the first lesson for the four best pages of writing and one for the worse in McKinney—all members are requested to bring a lamp, which will be taken care of during the day.

FRANK U. SPRING.
Associate instructor and business manager.

The business-speed writing club of Detroit, Michigan, more than 400 members, took action as follows:

"The club hereby endorses Mr. Spencer's new alphabet, (for longhand and shorthand) as one of the most progressive practical invention known to the world of letters."

F. C. Thompson, of The DEMOCRAT returned Monday night from a visit to relatives in Jefferson, Texas. He reports, that city as a live place, notwithstanding that it is not the commercial centre it used to be—having degenerated some since the "good old days of yore." The iron industry promises much for Jefferson and her good citizens of whom our manager speaks highly of.

Remarkable Facts.

Heart disease is usually supposed to be incurable, but when properly treated a large proportion of cases can be cured. Thus Mrs. Elmira Hatch, of Elkhart, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich, were cured after suffering 20 years. S. C. Linburger, druggist at San Jose, Ill., says that Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, which cured the former, "worked wonders for his wife." Levi Logan, of Buchanan, Mich., who had heart disease for 30 years, says two bottles made him "fee, like a new man." Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure is sold and guaranteed by Smith Bros. sole agent. Book of wonderful testimonials free.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk Keen, since our last report:

Josiah Grubbs and Mollie Yeager, J. H. Gause and Lou Buchanan, J. W. Long and L. A. Smith, Nathan Bobinson and Pearl McFatridge, John Hall and Susie Higgins, J. L. McDonald and Linda Coleman.

NOTICE.

All Ex-Confederate Tennesseeans, wounded, so as to any extent disable them, during the late war, are called to meet at my office at 2 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April the 20th. The purpose of the meeting is to take steps to procure the benefits of the late confederate pension laws passed by the legislature of Tennessee. Meet promptly at the hour and time named. H. C. MACK.

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W. C. Cash, the slayer of Ed Young, whose trial has been creating considerable attention around Dallas, was acquitted last Friday. He immediately re-married his divorced wife.

The democratic party of Dallas needs some of Koch's lymph, if it has not become too reduced for that treatment to have effect. Ft. Worth Gazette.

We are glad to receive a letter from L. and E. in this. We hope our correspondent will write often. It will appear in our next issue.

A National Eve

The holding of the World's Fair in a city scarcely 100 years old will be a remarkable event, but wheather it will really benefit this nation as much as the discovery of the Restorative Nervine by Dr. Franklin Miles is doubtful. The Nervine is just what the American people need to cure their excessive nervousness, dyspepsia, headache dizziness, sleeplessness, neuralgia, nervous debility, dullness, confusion of ideas, etc. It acts like a charm. Free bottles and fine book on "Nervous and Heart Diseases" with unequal testimonials at Smith Bros. drug store. It is warranted to contain no opium, morphine or dangerous drugs.

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EDITORIALS.

A Detroit, Michigan man kept awake 168 hours on a bet.

The Texas Press Association meets at Corsicana, May the 12th.

The legislature has adjourned at last, and the people have a rest.

The people begin to exert their independance more and more as time passes.

Imboden, the Fort. Worth forger pleaded guilty to two charges and got five years.

Sherman's electric railroad is once more in operation and the presses of the Sherman Daily Register are run by electric motors.

J. W. Davis, the murderer of B. C. Evans, the merchant at Ft. Worth, is to hang. His case has been carried to the highest courts and has gone against him.

Wm. Harris, a deaf mute was run over by the H. & T. C. accommodation train at Sherman Sunday afternoon and received injuries from which he died.

We are in receipt of Vol. 1 No. 1 of Fire, a little amature two column folio published at Ennis. It's a very small paper yet, but the greatest fires started small.

Cash's attorneys used the insanity plea in his defence, and succeeded in convincing the jury to the effect, but the public were not fully convinced that he was crazy until he married his divorced wife.

Congressman-elect Simpson, of Kansas, is a man who is not easily embarrassed. The other day he was approached by a female lobbyist, at Washington, who declared that she had heard a great deal of him through the newspapers, and who said: "Mr. Simpson, is it true that you do not wear socks, and will you not let me see for myself whether the story is true or false?" "Madam," replied the gallant Jerry, "I'm a firm believer in reciprocity in all things, and I will show you my socks on one condition and that is that in return you will show me yours." It is hardly necessary to say that the inquisitive female uttered a little shriek and fled hurriedly. Simpson, of Kansas, is not a simpleton by any means.

It may not be said of P. T. Barnum, as it was of David Garrick, that his death ecliped the gayety of nations; but there will be a few homes throughout the country in which there will not be a genuine regret at the news that the old showman is dead. The amusements of a people powerfully influence the national temper, and those which Mr. Barnum presented have given unalloyed pleasure and delight to old and young for half a century. He may be forgiven for all his innocent humbugs, which really were enjoyed; and he will be remembered only as a shrewed and kindly American, whose example of thrift, tireless energy and solid integrity might be profitably imitated.

Independence in Politics.

There has been a great deal said about independence in politics at the same time there has been a great deal more said and written against independence in politics by the "straight" press of the country.

Independence is the fundamental principle on which our government was founded "a government for the people, of the people and by the people." Was it not for independence in politics that brought on and carried to a success the Revolutionary war? Was it not for political independence that those heroic Texians gave up their life in the Alamo? Is it not for independence in politics that the farmer—the bone and sinew of our land— are organizing throughout the country? Eho answers, yes.

It is a self evident fact that the rank and file of the old parties have been marching to the polls and casting their ballots according to the dictates of Wall Street until they are becoming tired of that fashion.

Take the following from the National Democrat for instance.

"Let Democrats everywhere remember that it is their duty as democrats to hold their opinions on all such questions as the currency subject to the decision of the next national democratic convention, and then go in and elect the man who is nominated, whoever he may be. That is genuine democracy, and that is the position of the National Democrat."

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The New York Sun is a little more independant on the subject. It says:

"But the sub treasury plan must be squelched or a separate party formed in its defence. If the southeren alliance is to remain democratic, it cannot accept permanently a policy as foreign to democracp as it is preposterous."

Either squelch it or form a party in its defence. Or in plainer language either vote our way or get out of the party.

Is it not time that the people begin to show their independence? or will they continue to vote to the interest of Wall street and against their own.

To vote for whatever or for whoever the bosses of the party dictate, simply for party sake and to keep from being mugwumps, is beginning to be a thing of the past.

In previous years the main issues have been between the North and South. It begins to look like a change had taken place in the political arena of this county and in the future the issues will be between the West and the East.

The press and the people of the West, regardless of North and South, republican or democratic, seem to be in a majority for free and unlimited coinage of silver, yet the predominent party here would have its members kept quiet on that subject with the hope of gaining sufficient votes in New York to "elect their man whoever he may be."

Below we give an extract from the Dallas News of the 5th inst.

ABUSE OF PARTY PRESSURE.

"There are forms of party pressure that go to the extreme of brutal tyranny. There are forms of party psessure that represent the sum of all intolerance of liberty of individual conscience and of liberty of individual option in the exercise of fundamental functions of citizenship. There are forms of party pressure so rife with the spirit of proscription and persecution as to embitter life and make it almost a burden for the high-souled citizen who abhors arbitrary dictations and spurns the yoke and badge of layalty to any law and any interest but the law and the interest of the civil commonwealth, and to create a situation in politics and in public and even private affairs fit only for sodden and contented slaves and for self constituted and self-aggrandizing masters. This spirit inevitably asserts its self when men allow themselves to be banded together and yield as a mass in a so called political party which ceases, to have any distinct political aim in coming to be handled as a quasi military organization for sordid prize of conquest."

Public opinion is in the long run the ruling power in this nation. The public is fast being turned in favor of indepen dence in politics and independence is fast exerting itself.

The following is an extract from a speech from Cummins of New York:

"Sir, there is a tribunal that presides over all diplomacy. To it all nations and all men may appeal. It is the tribunal of public opinion. The greatest minds of former generations have taken notice of its unlimited jurisdiction and of its over mastering power. The world's court of conscience never adjourns. Before it soyereign and subject are equal, and all are alike amenable."

The St. Louis Globe Democrat expresses itself on the municipal election and in that you can observe the political independence:

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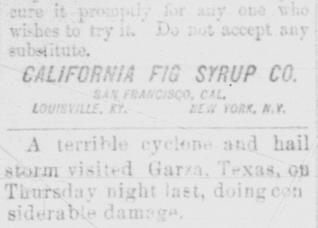
Druggist.

We learn that the good citizens of Copeville raised a good relief fund for the Moon family.



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Sick Headache and relieve all the troubles incident to a bilious state of the system, such as Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Distress after eating, Pain in the Side, &c. While their most remarkable success has been shown in curing

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Ache they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does not end here, and those who once try them will find these little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head

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Dr. J. B. Hill, D. D. G. Master, accompanied by James C. Moore, visited the I. O. O. F. official y at Plano, last Monday night.

To get relief from indigestion, biliousness, constipation or torpid liver without disturbing the stomach or purging the bowels, take a few doses of Carters' Little Liver Pills, they will please you

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Why will anyone with weak kidneys continue to suffer!

Of all insidious ailments there is none more certain of deadly effect, if neglected, than Bright's Disease. Thousands who suffer from this disease do not even know they are effected. It comes upon a person slowly but surely, like a thief in the night. It has no symptoms peculiarly its own, but its effect is indicated by symptoms that might be traced to other causes. The fluids of the body vary in color from light to dark, and if left standing assume a cloudy appearance and deposit a sediment that may be either red or white. Frequently there is a pain about the loins, under the left shoulder, or in the small of the back. The victim feels listless and drowsy, is easily fatigued, and usually of a gloomy and melancholy disposition. The

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kidneys are always diseased, in fact, Bright's Disease is to the kidneys what consumption is to the lungs. The kidneys become ulcerated and waste away. Unable to properly perform their function, the kidneys become inactive and every function of the body suffers. Great weakness and emaciation follows. A state of impoverishment of the blood sets in and the end is complete exhaustion. To check this decay of the kidneys, to infuse renewed strength, and to aid the recuperative tendencies of Nature, no remedy acts so kindly and harmoniously as Dr. John Bull's Sarsaparilla. Sufferers from Bright's Disease given up by their friends and physicians to die have found safety in this remedy and by its use been restored to health and physical vigor. Edward M. Mays, Augusta, Ky., writes: "I was dying from weakness of the kidneys. My doctor said it was Bright's disease, and that there was no hope of recovery. I was very pale, weak, languid and thin when I

MADE STRONG.

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W. C. Cash, the slayer of Ed Young, whose trial has been creating considerable attention around Dallas, was acquitted last Friday. He immediately re-married his divorced wife.

The democratic party of Dallas needs some of Koch's lymph, if it has not become too reduced for that treatment to have effect. Ft. Worth Gazette.

We are glad to receive letter from L. & E. m this... We hope our corres... will write often. It will... in our next issue.

A National Eve...

The holding of the W... Fair in a city scarcely... years old will be a remar... event, but wheather it will... ly benefit this nation as... as the discovery of the R... ative Nervine by Dr. Fr... Miles is doubtful. Th... just what the American p... need to cure their ex... nervousness, dyspepsia, ... ache dizziness, sleepless... neuralgia, nervous d... dullness, confusion of... etc. It acts like a charm... bottles and fine book... "Nervous and Heart Dis... with unequal testimonials... at Smith Bros. drug st... is warranted to contain... opium, morphine or dan... drugs.

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Where is the McKinney correspondent to the Kansas City Sunday Sun?

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Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Kidneys and Liver, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum, and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers. For cure of headache, constipation and indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Price 50c and $1 at E. N. McAuley & Bro., McKinney, Texas.

Dr. W. C. Mathews, of Amarillo, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie F. White, widow of Geo. White were married yesterday evening.

PROGRESS.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figa is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

We had the pleasure of visiting Greenville this week. We met with our friend George B. Adams, who is in the employ of a popular grocery firm of that place.

☞Ladies our corset department is complete and you can get a good corset, from 30 cents to 80 cents, at the Racket Store.

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New Block, Northeast Corner Square.

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Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Robert Erwin returned yesterday from a pleasant trip to Ennis.

LADIES

Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.

It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints.

Prospects were never better for a good crop generally than they are this spring.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

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Abiline had her electricity turned on for the first time last Friday night.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

The letter of Uncle Mike will be published next week.

The people—regardless of political affiliations should unite to give President Harrison a grand welcome to Texas.

A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Arlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds and at that time was not able to wark across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to used it and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any throat lung or chest trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at E. N. McAuley & Bro., druggists.

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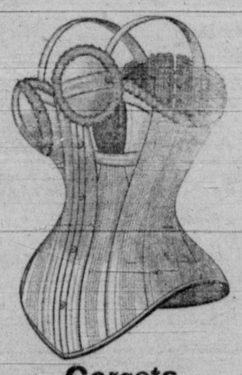
A world in its self supplying the wants of thousands, with a pains taking care attempted by no others, making our patrons' self interest, the motive power force that draws them to us and gives us their patronage.

Clothing.

This department is complete in its assortments. We are showing the late style correct nobby fabrics in cassimeres and worsteds, at low prices. STOP! You should not fail to visit this department before buying, as styles are very choice and prices low.



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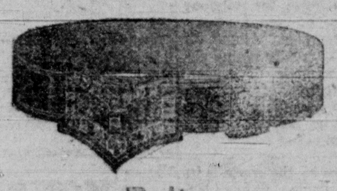

Belts.

We are running to special drives in ladies belts.

LOT 1

Worth from 40 to 60 cents for 25 cents.

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Leather Van Dykes with cut steel points, very effective and stylish.

Rouchings.

A profusion of late novelties, silks; tinsel cord edges, etc.

Embroidered Flouncings.

The greatest variety of blacks, black and white, fancy colors and white, at very low prices. See them before you buy.

Trimmings.

The most fetching conceits in Gimps, silver and gold cords etc.

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Lowest prices stamped plainly in the soles as follows: 5-7½, $1.25; 8-10½, $1.50; 11-13, $1.75; 13½-2, $2.00; 2½-5, $2.25.

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If a pair of Blue Ribbon School Shoes wear three times as long as a School Shoe that costs one-third less, how much is lost to a person failing to buy one pair "Blue Ribbons" and continuing to buy the cheaper ones? Figure this proposition out and go to the undersigned to get benefit of practical results, or, if you can't figure it out go there for answer, and you will then see the advantage of buying these goods.

Shoes.

It has been our effort to supply this department with the best values the markets offer and we sell no shoddy or trashy goods in order to make low prices. We give good value whatever the price may be. We ask as a favor to yourselves as well as us, when in need of anything in this department, for Ladies', Misses, Childrens, Men or Boys, give us a look and inspect closer our prices and we guarrantee to make it interesting for you. We sell the Blue Ribbon School Shoe, the best wearing shoe on earth. Call and see us and let us save you some money on your shoes.

Baskets.

The season for pic-nic is near at hand and we are prepared to supply your wants in lunch baskets at low prices. A full line of work baskets, waste baskets, fancy baskets, etc.

Neckwear.

All the novelties in Windsors, Tecks and Four in Hands, in rich new colorings at low prices.

White Goods.

The warm days are demanding light, cool and airy fabrics in dress goods, and to meet this demand we have our shelves loaded down with lawns, nainsook and challies, in all the latest plaids and styles in fancy markets and effects. Our Absolutely fast black wash goods are the newest and latest in styles and patterns and you should not fail to see them.

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Well the world can't beat us here. Look at what we have, a perfect ravelation in prices, styles, etc. Do not place your order for shirts to be made. We carry nothing but custom made work and guarantee you a fit at 50 per cent. less money.

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For Men, Boys' Misses and children. This department offers exceptional advantages both in prices and assortment, having over one hundred of the lattest styles to select from, we cannot fail to please you. Inspect this line and see what bargains we are offering.

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In Clothing, Shoes, and Dry Goods.

S. WISEMAN.

Some Special Bargains This Week.

Be Sure and Call on

S. WISEMAN.

New Block, Northeast Corner Square.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Kidneys and Liver, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum, and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers. For cure of headache, constipation and indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Price 50c and $1 at E. N. McAuley & Bro., McKinney, Texas.

Dr. W. C. Mathews, of Amarillo, Texas, and Mrs. Maggie F. White, widow of Geo. White were married yesterday evening.

PROGRESS.

It is very important in this age of vast material progress that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken, acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figa is the one perfect laxative and most gentle diuretic known.

We had the pleasure of visiting Greenville this week. We met with our friend George B. Adams, who is in the employ of a popular grocery firm of that place.

☞Ladies our corset department is complete and you can get a good corset, from 30 cents to 80 cents, at the Racket Store.

The McKinney band played at the Wiseman opening of spring goods last night.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of cough, croup and bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price, 10c., 50c., and $1. If your lungs are sore, chest, or lame back, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by Bristol Bros.

Robert Erwin returned yesterday from a pleasant trip to Ennis.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want building up, should take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant to take, cures Malaria, Indigestion, Billousness and Liver Complaints.

Prospects were never better for a good crop generally than they are this spring.

Miles' Nerve & Liver Pills.

Act on a new principle—regulating the liver, stomach and bowels through the nerves. A new discovery. Dr. Miles' Pills speedily cure billousness bad taste, torpid liver, piles, constipation. Unequal for men, women, children. Smallest mildest, surest! 50 doses, 25 cts. Sample Free, at Smith Bros. Drug Store.

Abiline had her electricity turned on for the first time last Friday night.

Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy, a marvelous cure for catarrh, diphtheria, canker mouth and headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Bristol Bros.

The letter of Uncle Mike will be published next week.

The people—regardless of political affiliations should unite to give President Harrison a grand welcome to Texas.

A Wonder Worker.

Mr. Frank Huffman, a young man of Arlington, Ohio, states that he had been under the care of two prominent physicians, and used their treatment until he was not able to get around. They pronounced his case to be consumption and incurable. He was persuaded to try Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds and at that time was not able to wark across the street without resting. He found, before he had used half of a dollar bottle, that he was much better; he continued to used it and is to-day enjoying good health. If you have any throat lung or chest trouble try it. We guarantee satisfaction. Trial bottle free at E. N. McAuley & Bro., druggists.

We will give a full report of the county Alliance meeting in our next issue.

BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF ALL IS BARKLEY & HARRIS'

AS A STORE, Unequaled in Light, Comfort and Air.

AS PRICE MAKERS, The unapproachable leaders in low Prices.

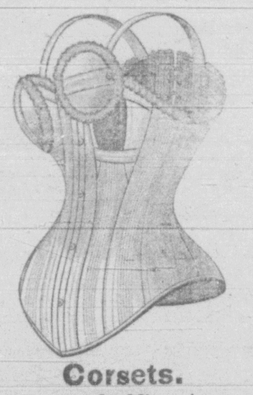
AS VALUE GIVERS. Bearing the strictest comparison and coming out ahead of all others.

AS A WHOLE.

A world in its self supplying the wants of thousands, with a pains taking care attempted by no others, making our patrons' self interest, the motive power force that draws them to us and gives us their patronage.

Clothing.

This department is complete in its assortments. We are showing the late style correct nobby fabrics in cassimeres and worsteds, at low prices. STOP! You should not fail to visit this department before buying, as styles are very choice and prices low.

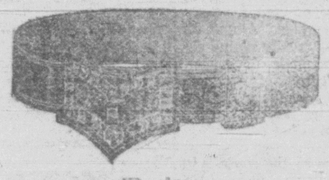


Corsets.

Ladies' and Misses' corset waists. Dr. Warrans celebrated Dress Form corsets in all sizes. A full line of Woren French corsets of the most approved styles. Dr. Worens health and coraline always in stock.

Work Shirts and Jeans Pants.

The biggest value you ever saw. We are agents for a manafacturer in this line and can save you money.



Belts.

We are running to special drives in ladies belts.

LOT 1

Worth from 40 to 60 cents for 25 cents.

LOT 2.

Worth from 75 cents to $1 for 50 cents.

Leather Van Dykes with cut steel points, very effective and stylish.

Rouchings.

A profusion of late novelties, silks; tinsel cord edges, etc.

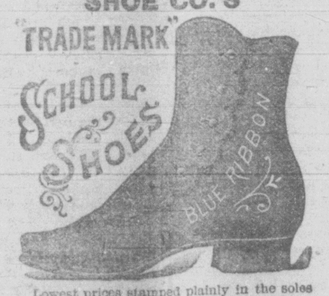
Embroidered Flouncings.

The greatest variety of blacks, black and white, fancy colors and white, at very low prices. See them before you buy.

Trimmings.

The most fetching conceits in Gimps, silver and gold cords etc.

Brown-Desnoyers SHOE CO.'S "TRADE MARK"



Lowest prices stamped plainly in the soles as follows: 5-7½, $1.25; 8-10½, $1.50; 11-13, $1.75; 12½-2, $2.00; 2½-5, $2.25.

BLUE RIBBON PROBLEM.

If a pair of Blue Ribbon School Shoes wear three times as long as a School Shoe that costs one-third less, how much is lost to a person failing to buy one pair "Blue Ribbons" and continuing to buy the cheaper ones? Figure this proposition out and go to the undersigned to get benefit of practical results, or, if you can't figure it out go there for answer, and you will then see the advantage of buying these goods.

Shoes.

It has been our effort to supply this department with the best values the markets offer and we sell no shoddy or trashy goods in order to make low prices. We give good value whatever the price may be. We ask as a favor to yourselves as well as us, when in need of any thing in this department, for Ladies', Misses, Childrens, Men or Boys, give us a look and inspect closer our prices and we guarrantee to make it interesting for you. We sell the Blue Ribbon School Shoe, the best-wearing shoe on earth. Call and see us and let us save you some money on your shoes.

Baskets.

The season for pic-nic is near at hand and we are prepared to supply your wants in lunch baskets at low prices. A full line of work baskets, waste baskets, fancy baskets, etc.

Neckwear.

All the novelties in Windsors, Tecks and Four in Hands, in rich new colorings at low prices.

White Goods.

The warm days are demanding light, cool and airy fabrics in dress goods, and to meet this demand we have our shelves loaded down with lawns, nainsook and challies, in all the latest plaids and styles in fancy markets and effects. Our Absolutely fast black wash goods are the newest and latest in styles and patterns and you should not fail to see them.

White Shirts.

Well the world can't beat us here. Look at what we have, a perfect ravelation in prices, styles, etc. Do not place your order for shirts to be made. We carry nothing but custom made work and guarantee you a fit at 50 per cent. less money.

Parasols.

This line of goods we have selected from the best markets of this county and France, and our prices are amazingly cheap.

Straw Hats.

For Men, Boys' Misses and children. This department offers exceptional advantages both in prices and assortment, having over one hundred of the lattest styles to select from, we cannot fail to please you. Inspect this line and see what bargains we are offering.

Our Rapidly Increasing Business stimulates us to greater offers in our endeavor to place before the people of Collin County, FIRST CLASS reliable Dry Goods at the LOWEST CASH PRICES. This has been our effort from the first and our offerings for this month will surpass all previous records in this line.

A LITTLE MONEY BUYS LOTS OF GOODS AT

Barkley & Harris

JOHNSON BLOCK, McKINNEY, TEX.

CHOOSING A SERVANT.

OPINIONS OF SEVERAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE KEEPERS.

With Ordinary Unskilled Help the Chief Trouble Is Generally with the Employer, Who Is Usually a Woman — Injustice to Hardworking Girls.

A small tow headed boy, with a vacant look on his face, and a thumb worn old blankbook in his dirty hands, sitting on a short stool before a littered desk, whistling in a lazy, half hearted tone; a small stove emitting a fierce heat in an indignant sort of way, as if disgusted with itself and its surroundings; nine rickety chairs, set in rows along the walls; a faded old carpet, a smoke stained ceiling and a rickety table—these are the objects of furniture in a small square room one one of the east side avenues.

The interior of the room is screened from the view of passers by a dingy blue curtain drawn over the lower half of the windows. A legend in faded yellow —once gilt—letters over the door and on the windows announces that servants may be hired there. This is a typical "Employment Agency."

A reasonably careful observer will see many curious things in an hour in one of these agencies. It is always easy to get high priced help. There is plenty of it. But the less skilled and lower priced service is hard to obtain. That is the kind most of the agencies have to do with. Nine out of ten of the agents will tell you that the great trouble in securing satisfactory help is with the employers. A casual investigation goes to show that they are right.

VARIOUS OPINIONS.

The agents say that the business has changed greatly in the last few years. "Twenty years ago," said one of them recently, "when a young couple set up housekeeping they expected to start a permanent establishment. The women in those days were familiar with housework from their own house training. They were not ashamed to go into the kitchen occasionally and give the green help a little instruction. Then, too, we got a great deal of green help from the constant immigration which stopped here.

Now, all that is changed. The women either don't know enough, or are too high toned to go into their kitchens and give their cook a pointer when things don't go right. And the supply of green help from immigrants is cut off. They don't stop here any more. They go on out west, where the old way has not changed so much for the worse. It's almost impossible to get the ordinary plain help now."

"Very few people know how to engage help," said another agent. "They come here and talk to the girls for an hour at a time, and they don't know enough to pick out the one who will suit them. Four fifths of the time they go to telling 'what I said to my last cook,' or 'what she said to me,' and the upshot of it is they make the girl think the place is too hard and she won't go, whereas if they went at it in a businesslike way they could soon be suited."

"Yes," said a third agent, "the everlasting shifting is making a lot of trouble now. It's a rare thing for a girl to have a place more than a few months, even when she gives the best satisfaction. People go to Europe for the summer and go to Florida for the winter, and keep house in the intervals between their pleasant trips. Then they growl because they can't get first class help. They're the people that do the kicking. They want servants to show references for years of service when they only expect to hire them for a few weeks or months."

TWO AGENCIES.

There are two inside rooms at the place above described where girls looking for work wait for possible employers. They come early in the morning and wait until the office closes at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When an employer comes the agent politely offers a chair and inquires into the needs of his customer. He then goes into one of the inner rooms and looks over his supply. The accomplishments and pedigree of each one in the inside rooms have been fully noted down when they applied to the agent, and he is pretty familiar with them all. He selects what one he thinks will best satisfy the visitor, and indicates with a graceful wave of the hand the one to whom the aspirant for work is to address herself. Sometimes a bargain is struck almost immediately.

There is an employment office in Sixth avenue that is just a little different from any of the rest of them. It is run by a woman, a clear headed, gray eyed English woman, who was for years the housekeeper for a well known New Yorker. Her clientage is almost wholly among the wealthy people. And the peculiar part of it is that they scarcely ever visit her office. She has a whole deskful of letters which say, "You know just what I want, and I trust you to get it for me."

Some day this woman will wake up to the fact that she has a valuable lot of autograph letters from many of the best known women of this city, with not a few from Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and other towns. An auction sale of these autographs would interest a great many people and be very profitable to her.—New York Sun.

A Practical Joke.

Tramp—You gave me a counterfeit $5 bill a few moments ago.

Practical Joker—He! he! he! ho! ho! Found it out, eh?

"Yes, sir; and on my information an officer is now looking for you. Gim'me $5 in good money and I'll throw 'em off the track. Thanks. Ta, ta!"—Good News.

She Craved Appreciation.

A little three-year-old girl was taken to church for the first time, after promising that she would sit still and not talk. For some time she was as quiet and as prim as possible, when suddenly she turned to her mother and said aloud, "Mamma, isn't I a good girl not to talk?"—Boston Traveller.

Eve has given Adam another black eye in Georgia. Judge Eve sentenced Col. Adam to break rocks for thirty days.—Dallas News.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, I will my local paper take, both for my own and family sake? If such there be, let him repent, and have the paper to him sent, and if he'd pass a happy winter, he in advance would pay the printer. —Ex.

The Alliance is a great mountain which does not seem at all inclined to go one step to meet either a democratic or a republican prophet.—Dallas News.

LEGENDARY WORLDS.

Expeditions Set Out from the Canary Islands to Discover Them.

Stories of legendary worlds have at all times possessed a fascination for most minds and formed the subject of much curious speculation. However childish such tales may seem at the present day, "they once wielded sufficient sway," says M. Flamarian in his "History of the Heavens," "over men's minds as to gain their belief in the veritable existence of the places described, and in this way to influence their astronomical and cosmographical ideas."

Many such legends originated when geography was in its infancy and the greater part of the world's surface still unknown. From that time, too, travelers like Sir John Mandeville excited curiosity by relating discoveries which they professed to have made in their distant journeying, and which those who received them readily accepted as facts.

In process of time these mythical accounts were gradually circulated from one country to another and became interwoven with the traditions of the people among whom they were told. Hence, in one form or another, we find in most parts of the world numerous stories of legendary worlds still current, survivals of which may be traced to the literature of modern times. Thus, going back to early days, the poets and philosophers of Greece and Rome gave detailed accounts of the land whither mortals wend their way when this life is over, enumerating its rivers, its lakes, its woods and mountains.

Accordingly, Ulysses was said to reach the place of the dead by crossing the ocean to the Cimmerian land, Æneas to have entered it by the Lake Avernus, whereas Xenophon informs us that Hercules went there by the peninsula of Arechusaide. In early times the Canary Islands were regarded as the neighborhood of the terrestrial home of the blessed dead, and many wonderful stories were told of this enchanted locality.

Thus, as Washington Irving writes: "Occasionally this enigmatical spot would be visible from their shores, stretching far away in the clear bright west, to all appearance substantial like themselves and still more beautiful. Expeditions would launch forth from the Canaries to explore this land of promise. For a long time its sun gilt peaks and shadowy promontories would remain distinctly visible, but in proportion as the voyagers approached peak and promontory would gradually fade away until nothing would remain but blue sky above and deep blue water below."

This legendary land was, as the Portuguese and Spanish declared, an island which had sometimes been lighted upon by accident, but when sought for could not be found. But a king of Portugal is said to have made a conditional surrender of it to another when it should be discovered, and when the kingdom of Portugal ceded to the Castilian crown its rights over the Canaries the treaty included the island of Brandam, described as the island which had not yet been found.—London Standard.

Queer Filling.

There are numbers of dentists in New York who ought to be sawing wood. I had a friend tell me about a week ago of a severe pain in a tooth which he had only recently had filled. He argued that it could not be the tooth, because he had only a few days before sat in the dentist's chair. The dentist was unknown to him, and had been selected because his office was next the place where my friend boards. I advised him to go to a first class dental practitioner, which he did. Next day he said to me: "Do you know what was the matter with my tooth? That fellow up by my boarding house did not clean the tooth out before he filled it. He had left pieces of cotton in the cavity and had piled the gold in on top of it. No wonder it ached."—New York Press.

England's Early Coins.

When England was being made into mince meat and blocks of real estate by the Saxons and Danes silver and brass were in use as currency, but the Normans subsequently installed the aristocratic metal and left the democratic brass to take care of itself. Gold was first coined by Henry III, and copper made into British coin in 1672. Tin was used for coinage in 1680, and the national farthing was made of this Cambrian product, with a stud of copper set in the center. In 1690 and 1691 tin half pence were issued in considerable quantities. The only pure gold coins issued in English history were those of Henry III.—Age of Steel.

Cutting Behind.

When we charge a youngster with "cutting behind" we make a charge that cannot be proved. Every boy knows that the cutting behind is done by the man who sits in front with the whip. He cuts behind at the boy who hangs on behind, but the latter is used to it, and enjoys his ride as much as he does the jealousy of his companion afoot, who out of revenge yells, "Cut behind!" to the driver, and then maliciously informs the teacher that it was the boy who cut behind.—Harper's Young People.

She Never Had Seen It.

The other day a little girl was saying her commandments. "For in six days," she repeated rapidly, "the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and allthatinthemiz." Then she stopped. "Mamma," she said, "I've seen the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, but I never saw any allthatinthemiz. Where does God keep that?" The child had really believed that there was a certain separate creation called "allthatinthemiz" that she had never been able to find.—New York Evening Sun.

The Sailor's Lot.

Merchant—You made good time from the Fever Islands. How is the crew?

Ship Captain—Half of them are sick.

"Sick of the fever?"

"No; of the fumigations." — Good News.

While there may be some show of truth in the charge that Mr Connor, of Dallas, bolted a democratic convention yet withal, there is some comfort left to the lover of pure old fashion democracy. In the fact that a few self constituted "bosses" of the party, over in the city of many folks, getting a lick on the bridge of their nose, a clever hint that there is a God in Israel.—Denton Monitor.

Collin county has 25,527 acres of wheat this year, yet it is a decrease of ten per cent in last years crop, and 17,827 acres of oats, a decrease of 15 per cent.

Though the season is a little late, the prospects are good.

A Dead Cat Mine.

It was the man on whose land natural gas was first struck in the Findlay, O., district, and he was telling some of us about it as we waited in the depot at Columbus.

"Wall, you know," he began, "my son Bill was a great hand to read. One day he laid away a book he had been reading and says to me:

"'Dad, I've been reading up on minerals and I'm goin' to find suthin' right here on our farm.'

"'Shoo, Bill,' says I, 'but you won't strike nothing outside of cobble stones and worms.'

"But he went at it and begun to dig and bore and fool around and leave me to hoe the corn, and one day he struck sunthin'. There cum sich an infernal smell that both of us was drove to the house, and then the smell got so bad that we was drove to a neighbor's, and we had to let the hogs out of the pen, or they would have keeled over.

"'Bill,' I says, when I got where I could breathe again, 'you said you'd strike sunthin', and you have. You've wasted three months' time gettin' down to whar Christopher Columbus buried about a thousand tom cats, and we've all been driv off the farm in consekence. It's my turn now to strike sunthin', and you kin git ready for the all-firedest lickin' a boy ever got.'

"I give it to him, gentlemen, and then I went spookin' around to find somebody who'd buy the farm at about the cost of the barn. A feller who seemed to hev catarrh and didn't mind the smell closed up a deal with me, and I had to grin as I walked off with his money under my arm. I kept on grinnin' fur about a week, but then I heard some news that stopped me, and I guess it's three years since I've opened my mouth sideways. Them dead cats was worth a hundred thousand dollars to me, and I sold 'em for $800 and walked around patting myself on the back fur bein' so all-fired cute."—New York Sun.

Miss Bradden as "My Lady."

Among the new knights are the brothers of two novelists, Miss Braddon and Miss Olive Schreiner. It has often occurred to me that it would be well to found an order for women which would give those possessing it the right to prefix "Lady" to their names. "Let me make the people's songs and I will govern them with ease," said somebody. And if any minister had the power to create "Ladies" my impression is that he would remain minister for a very considerable time. What peace would Jones, M. P., have if Mrs. Jones knew that it only depended on his submissiveness for her to blossom forth into Lady Jones?

Putting, however, aside this political advantage, why should distinguished men be made knights and distinguished women not be made ladies? If we are to have knights with ribbons round their necks and across their breasts, it would be only fair if these ornaments were also conferred on their wives. I am entirely against woman suffrage, but I see no objection to women sharing in all this sort of decorative adornment; and assuredly, if they merit a title, it is absurd that the only way for them to obtain it is to give one to their husbands. Mr. Braddon, I make no doubt, is deserving of the prefix of "Sir." But his sister, Miss Braddon, has at least an equal right to the prefix of "Lady."—Exchange.

A Successful Unknown Book.

I was talking with a subscription publisher, and in the course of our conversation he reached in his library and pulled out a book the title of which I never heard. It was called "God, Home and Heaven," a book as pretentious in size as in title. "What is there peculiar about the book? Well, I will tell you. Of that work there have been sold over one million copies," said the publisher, "and yet I'll wager that there are salesmen in the biggest New York stores who never heard of the book, and will tell you there is no such work printed."

This struck me as rather odd and I determined to make the test. I went into six of the largest book stores in New York that day and asked for a copy of "God, Home and Heaven." It proved exactly as my friend predicted. I encountered only one man who ever heard of the book, and he said he had no idea where I could get a copy. "Doubtless out of print for years," he added. And yet within two blocks of that man's store there was at that time printing an edition of 50,000 copies of the book on the presses!—Edwin W. Bok's Letter.

Mary Anderson's Photographs.

The reason that actresses are so successfully photographed is that they understand the laws of photography and conform to them. They usually assume the direction of the performance for themselves, and the photographer is willing to let them. Mary Anderson always superintends every detail of the operation that puts her features upon paper. Her London photographer says no picture of her face, except in direct profile was ever made without having the negative changed so as to make the outline of the cheek a little flatter than it naturally is. Miss Anderson thinks the contour of her full face is not oval enough, and so she is careful that any photograph of her shall remedy the imperfection.—New York Evening Sun.

The First Bank.

The Bank of England was established in 1694, and is older than any of the institutions of the class in any other of the great nations. It was not the first of the important financial houses, however. The Bank of Venice was created in 1101, that of Genoa in 1407, that of Hamburg in 1619 and that of Rotterdam in 1635. In 1803 the Bank of France was established.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Barnes' Chivalry.

George—I'm surprised that Barnes struck Homer on the nose after he was down.

Henry—Oh, Barnes is chivalrous. He always prefers to do a thing to a man's face rather than to his back.—Kate Field's Washington.

Metallic Railroad Ties.

Metallic railway ties are by no means a new invention, although the railway companies of the United States have been singularly backward in adopting them. They were laid upon European roads as early as 1860, and since that time the number has increased, so that in 1890 no less than 10,222 miles of track were laid with them. In addition to this there were, in the same year, 1,291 miles in Africa, 9,314 in Asia, chiefly in India, and 3,788 in Mexico, Central and South America; but in the United States, a nation usually in the lead of all improvements, there were only two miles, these having been put down as experiment. Quite aside from the question of cost it would seem that that of safety alone is of sufficient importance to justify the substitution of a substantial metallic tie for the short lived wooden one, with its unreliable fastening.

Three-fourths of a mile of track were laid with these ties on the Chicago, Western and Indiana railroad in Chicago in October, 1889, and the time elapsed has been sufficient to give results of some reliability. The ties were laid at a point where the ballast was light gravel, and the traffic eighty regular trains in one direction each day, the heaviest engine weighing 96,000 pounds, with 15,000 pounds on each pair of drivers. During the time that the ties have been down over 37,500 trains have passed over them, and the manager states that the cost of this maintenance has been so small as to be hardly worth taking into consideration.—New York Telegram.

She Was Too Eager.

A well known vocal teacher of Boston, whose reputation brings him pupils from all over the country, relates that there once came to him a lady who announced herself as a music teacher from another city, and declared her intention of taking a course of lessons. She asked his terms, and pronounced them satisfactory, and then went on to talk about the time of lessons.

"You see," she explained, "I have only a limited time in Boston, and I must manage so as to get the whole twenty lessons into that."

"How long are you to be here?" the other asked.

"Three weeks," she replied.

"Twenty lessons in three weeks!" he exclaimed aghast. "How could that be done?"

"Oh," she responded easily, "I could take two lessons some days."

"Yes," the teacher answered, "or you might take the whole twenty lessons one after the other all at once. That would only take about ten hours."

The face of the lady brightened.

"Would you really be willing to give them to me that way?" she asked. "Then I could get home inside of ten days, and get my advertisement as your pupil printed before the end of vacation." And the amusing part of the story is that the woman could not be made to see the absurdity of her suggestion.—Boston Courier.

Paddy's Idea of a Microbe.

Two sons of the Emerald isle sat in the depot the other day, running from one current topic of discussion to another. They finally reached the subject of the great prevalence of sickness. "Are'n't yez afraid of typhide fever?" said Denis.

"Yis, I am," replied Pat.

"Pat!"

"Yes, Dinny."

"What are thase microbys and germs the docthers are talking about?"

"Waal, I'll tell yez my idee, Dinny. Them germs and microbys are paculiar things. Flannigan was tellin' me about them. He sez they reside in the wather. He was fishing Monday, and he pulled up his line, begob, and found a microbe on it. He sez it luked like a bullhead, but it had a paculiar face. He sez he threw it back afther he got over being scart. Me own opinion is, Dinny, that microbes are a paculiar kind of fish."

"Begob, I guess ye're roight, Pat. There's a good dale of sickness prevailin'."

"Yes," replied Pat, "there's a good dale, Dinny. There do be well paple complainin'."—Albany Argus.

Reptiles Seventy Feet in Length.

What the mammals are in the scale of creation today the reptiles were in the mesozoic epoch. They swam the seas, climbed trees and were most phenomenal jumpers. Some of them even flew. While some were herbivorous, living upon plants, others were carnivorous, preserving existence by devouring their vegetable eating cousins. The vegetarian reptiles were enormous beasts, often as much as seventy feet in length. They afforded food for the carnivorous reptiles, which were smaller than the herbivorous kind, just as lions and tigers nowadays are smaller than oxen.

Though bigger, the vegetarian creatures usually had no armor nor weapons to defend themselves with. Their most powerful defence was a kick, which, delivered with a hind leg fifteen feet in length, was assuredly not by any means to be despised.—Professor Cope in Washington Star.

Uncleanliness Often the Trouble.

The variety of shoes which claim to follow the natural shape of the foot is almost as large as those that do not. Some of these shoes are so absurdly broad at the toes that they give an impression that they were designed for a hoofed beast; others are ventilated in the sole. But, in spite of all these original and expensive patented devices, the fact remains that as many people escape all afflictions of the feet who wear ordinarily well shaped, hand sewn shoes as those who adopt eccentric shoes. It is evident that there is some other trouble besides the shape of the shoe that is at work.—New York Tribune.

Reasonable.

Father—My dear girl, the last gown you got was only eighty dollars, but this one is ninety dollars. Is this worth ten dollars more than the other?

Daughter — Certainly, father. Just think how much later it is.—Cloak Review.

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Sends subtle strength through my dulled senses stealing.

In lonely moments, what a friend thou art!
My minor moods, my fleeting fancies sharing;
Thou canst express the secrets of my heart
In accents of rejoicing or despairing.

The one whose love I so desire to gain,
Would surely cease to doubt, it seems to me,
If all my longing, all my speechless pain,
Could find a voice, my loved guitar, through thee!

—Amy Elizabeth Leigh in Drake's Magazine.

Took Him a Long While to See It.

A man who returned not long ago from a stay of several months in London has some funny stories to tell of his experience with British wit. "The mind of the Briton is solid, but slow," he said, "and when it comes to his appreciation of a joke he can be trusted after a while to get to it, but the process is slow. This story is a capital illustration of what I mean: One day I went into a book shop on the Strand and asked for Hare's 'Walks in London.' In America the book is sold in one thick volume; the clerk brought it in two. 'Oh,' I said, as I looked at them, 'you part your Hare in the middle, do you?'

"I, sir?" he said with a bewildered look; "oh! no, sir."

I saw he didn't see the joke, so I didn't explain, but bought the books and went away. A week later I entered the same shop. As soon as the clerk saw me he rushed from the back of the shop laughing vociferously, and seized me by the hand:

"Good!" he shouted. "Capital: 'part your Hare in the middle,' that's capital, sir; capital."

I had thought it was rather neat myself, and it didn't take me a week to find it out, either.—New York Evening Sun.

Kindness Not Appreciated.

A little incident that amused the passengers in a Brooklyn bridge car the other day would seem to indicate that the semi-tough young man with a baby in his arms does not appreciate politeness. As the semi-tough young man is seldom seen carrying a baby it might, however, be hard to prove the rule. But this one was carrying a baby, and the tired looking woman with him was lugging a bag that looked twice as heavy as the baby. The woman was the first to see the only vacant seat in the car and dropped into it. And then a dapper young fellow who had been reading intently looked up, and his gaze fell first on the baby.

He apparently didn't notice that it was a man holding the infant, for he jumped up, lifted his hat, and said, "Please take my seat, madam." The fellow with the child scowled, but all he said was: "If yer speakin' to de kid, dat's all right, but if yer speakin' to me I'll smash yer face. See?" And he stood up all the way over, looking as if he felt much insulted.—New York Times.

Mohammed's Descendants.

To find families of an antiquity at once remote and certain we must go beyond Europe and seek them nearer the cradle of the human race. Mohammed died in 632, leaving nine wives and only one child, his daughter Fatima, who was married (as several other ladies were) to Ali, the prophet's first convert and chief lieutenant. From Fatima have descended the numberless sultans, nobles, cherifs, kings and emperors who, ever since the prophet's day, have constituted so important a part of the ruling class in the world which he organized. Today, after the lapse of thirteen centuries, it is the blood of the prophet that constitutes the title to nobility in the several countries of the east.—Chicago Times.

The Earliest Lens.

The earliest known lens is one made of rock crystal, unearthed by Layard at Nineveh. This lens, the age of which is to be measured by thousands of years, now lies in the British museum, with its surface as bright as when it left the maker's hands. By the side of it are very recent specimens of lenses which have been ruined by exposure to London fog and smoke.—New York Telegram.

The only real work of art in copper that now exists in India is the casting of Hindoo and other images for religious purposes. These are, of course, mostly to be found in old temples. Almost all the temples which can really claim antiquity have images made of copper, which are the perfection of art, and which, with all the assistance of machinery, could never be excelled or even imitated by European cities.

The largest kitchen in the world is in the Bon Marche in Paris. It has 4,000 employes. The smallest kettle contains 100 quarts and the largest 500. Each of fifty roasting pans is big enough for 300 cutlets. Every dish for baking potatoes holds 225 pounds? When omelettes are on the bill of fare 7,800 eggs are used at once. For cooking alone sixty cooks and 100 assistants are always at the ranges.

A monkey on shipboard used to amuse himself in the cook's absence by turning the water cocks, in order to enjoy that worthy's surprise when he returned and found the water running over the floor, and there are scores of authenticated instances of actual deception practiced by animals to gain some desired end.

In the West End of London, at Olympia, the large hall there, which is famous at present for its fancy dress balls, is 440 feet long, 250 feet wide and 100 feet high, and contains an area of nearly two and a half acres. Twenty-seven thousand people were present at a recent ball.

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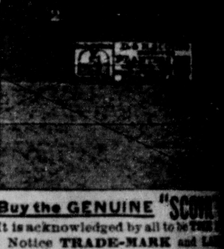

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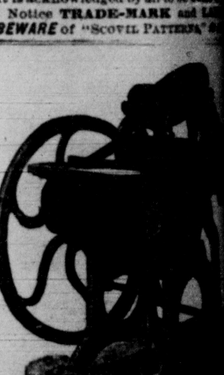

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CHOOSING A SERVANT.

OPINIONS OF SEVERAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICE KEEPERS.

With Ordinary Unskilled Help the Chief Trouble Is Generally with the Employer, Who Is Usually a Woman — Injustice to Hardworking Girls.

A small tow headed boy, with a vacant look on his face, and a thumb worn old blankbook in his dirty hands, sitting on a short stool before a littered desk, whistling in a lazy, half hearted tone; a small stove emitting a fierce heat in an indignant sort of way, as if disgusted with itself and its surroundings; nine rickety chairs, set in rows along the walls; a faded old carpet, a smoke stained ceiling and a rickety table—these are the objects of furniture in a small square room one one of the east side avenues.

The interior of the room is screened from the view of passers by a dingy blue curtain drawn over the lower half of the windows. A legend in faded yellow —once gilt—letters over the door and on the windows announces that servants may be hired there. This is a typical "Employment Agency."

A reasonably careful observer will see many curious things in an hour in one of these agencies. It is always easy to get high priced help. There is plenty of it. But the less skilled and lower priced service is hard to obtain. That is the kind most of the agencies have to do with. Nine out of ten of the agents will tell you that the great trouble in securing satisfactory help is with the employers. A casual investigation goes to show that they are right.

VARIOUS OPINIONS.

The agents say that the business has changed greatly in the last few years. "Twenty years ago," said one of them recently, "when a young couple set up housekeeping they expected to start a permanent establishment. The women in those days were familiar with housework from their own house training. They were not ashamed to go into the kitchen occasionally and give the green help a little instruction. Then, too, we got a great deal of green help from the constant immigration which stopped here.

Now, all that is changed. The women either don't know enough, or are too high toned to go into their kitchens and give their cook a pointer when things don't go right. And the supply of green help from immigrants is cut off. They don't stop here any more. They go on out west, where the old way has not changed so much for the worse. It's almost impossible to get the ordinary plain help now."

"Very few people know how to engage help," said another agent. "They come here and talk to the girls for an hour at a time, and they don't know enough to pick out the one who will suit them. Four fifths of the time they go to telling 'what I said to my last cook,' or 'what she said to me,' and the upshot of it is they make the girl think the place is too hard and she won't go, whereas if they went at it in a businesslike way they could soon be suited."

"Yes," said a third agent, "the everlasting shifting is making a lot of trouble now. It's a rare thing for a girl to have a place more than a few months, even when she gives the best satisfaction. People go to Europe for the summer and go to Florida for the winter, and keep house in the intervals between their pleasant trips. Then they growl because they can't get first class help. They're the people that do the kicking. They want servants to show references for years of service when they only expect to hire them for a few weeks or months."

TWO AGENCIES.

There are two inside rooms at the place above described where girls looking for work wait for possible employers. They come early in the morning and wait until the office closes at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. When an employer comes the agent politely offers a chair and inquires into the needs of his customer. He then goes into one of the inner rooms and looks over his supply. The accomplishments and pedigree of each one in the inside rooms have been fully noted down when they applied to the agent, and he is pretty familiar with them all. He selects what one he thinks will best satisfy the visitor, and indicates with a graceful wave of the hand the one to whom the aspirant for work is to address herself. Sometimes a bargain is struck almost immediately.

There is an employment office in Sixth avenue that is just a little different from any of the rest of them. It is run by a woman, a clear headed, gray eyed English woman, who was for years the housekeeper for a well known New Yorker. Her clientage is almost wholly among the wealthy people. And the peculiar part of it is that they scarcely ever visit her office. She has a whole deskful of letters which say, "You know just what I want, and I trust you to get it for me."

Some day this woman will wake up to the fact that she has a valuable lot of autograph letters from many of the best known women of this city, with not a few from Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and other towns. An auction sale of these autographs would interest a great many people and be very profitable to her.—New York Sun.

A Practical Joke.

Tramp—You gave me a counterfeit $5 bill a few moments ago.

Practical Joker—He! he! he! ho! ho! Found it out, eh?

"Yes, sir; and on my information an officer is now looking for you. Gim'me $5 in good money and I'll throw 'em off the track. Thanks. Ta, ta!"—Good News.

She Craved Appreciation.

A little three-year-old girl was taken to church for the first time, after promising that she would sit still and not talk. For some time she was as quiet and as prim as possible, when suddenly she turned to her mother and said aloud, "Mamma, isn't I a good girl not to talk?"—Boston Traveller.

Eve has given Adam another black eye in Georgia. Judge Eve sentenced Col. Adam to break rocks for thirty days.—Dallas News.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, I will my local paper take, both for my own and family sake? If such there be, let him repent, and have the paper to him sent, and if he'd pass a happy winter, he in advance would pay the printer. —Ex.

The Alliance is a great mountain which does not seem at all inclined to go one step to meet either a democratic or a republican prophet.—Dallas News.

LEGENDARY WORLDS.

Expeditions Set Out from the Canary Islands to Discover Them.

Stories of legendary worlds have at all times possessed a fascination for most minds and formed the subject of much curious speculation. However childish such tales may seem at the present day, "they once wielded sufficient sway," says M. Flamarian in his "History of the Heavens," "over men's minds as to gain their belief in the veritable existence of the places described, and in this way to influence their astronomical and cosmographical ideas."

Many such legends originated when geography was in its infancy and the greater part of the world's surface still unknown. From that time, too, travelers like Sir John Mandeville excited curiosity by relating discoveries which they professed to have made in their distant journeying, and which those who received them readily accepted as facts.

In process of time these mythical accounts were gradually circulated from one country to another and became interwoven with the traditions of the people among whom they were told. Hence, in one form or another, we find in most parts of the world numerous stories of legendary worlds still current, survivals of which may be traced to the literature of modern times. Thus, going back to early days, the poets and philosophers of Greece and Rome gave detailed accounts of the land whither mortals wend their way when this life is over, enumerating its rivers, its lakes, its woods and mountains.

Accordingly, Ulysses was said to reach the place of the dead by crossing the ocean to the Cimmerian land, Æneas to have entered it by the Lake Avernus, whereas Xenophon informs us that Hercules went there by the peninsula of Arechusaide. In early times the Canary Islands were regarded as the neighborhood of the terrestrial home of the blessed dead, and many wonderful stories were told of this enchanted locality.

Thus, as Washington Irving writes: "Occasionally this enigmatical spot would be visible from their shores, stretching far away in the clear bright west, to all appearance substantial like themselves and still more beautiful. Expeditions would launch forth from the Canaries to explore this land of promise. For a long time its sun gilt peaks and shadowy promontories would remain distinctly visible, but in proportion as the voyagers approached peak and promontory would gradually fade away until nothing would remain but blue sky above and deep blue water below."

This legendary land was, as the Portuguese and Spanish declared, an island which had sometimes been lighted upon by accident, but when sought for could not be found. But a king of Portugal is said to have made a conditional surrender of it to another when it should be discovered, and when the kingdom of Portugal ceded to the Castilian crown its rights over the Canaries the treaty included the island of Brandam, described as the island which had not yet been found.—London Standard.

Queer Filling.

There are numbers of dentists in New York who ought to be sawing wood. I had a friend tell me about a week ago of a severe pain in a tooth which he had only recently had filled. He argued that it could not be the tooth, because he had only a few days before sat in the dentist's chair. The dentist was unknown to him, and had been selected because his office was next the place where my friend boards. I advised him to go to a first class dental practitioner, which he did. Next day he said to me: "Do you know what was the matter with my tooth? That fellow up by my boarding house did not clean the tooth out before he filled it. He had left pieces of cotton in the cavity and had piled the gold in on top of it. No wonder it ached."—New York Press.

England's Early Coins.

When England was being made into mince meat and blocks of real estate by the Saxons and Danes silver and brass were in use as currency, but the Normans subsequently installed the aristocratic metal and left the democratic brass to take care of itself. Gold was first coined by Henry III, and copper made into British coin in 1672. Tin was used for coinage in 1680, and the national farthing was made of this Cambrian product, with a stud of copper set in the center. In 1690 and 1691 tin half pence were issued in considerable quantities. The only pure gold coins issued in English history were those of Henry III.—Age of Steel.

Cutting Behind.

When we charge a youngster with "cutting behind" we make a charge that cannot be proved. Every boy knows that the cutting behind is done by the man who sits in front with the whip. He cuts behind at the boy who hangs on behind, but the latter is used to it, and enjoys his ride as much as he does the jealousy of his companion afoot, who out of revenge yells, "Cut behind!" to the driver, and then maliciously informs the teacher that it was the boy who cut behind.—Harper's Young People.

She Never Had Seen It.

The other day a little girl was saying her commandments. "For in six days," she repeated rapidly, "the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and allthatinthemiz." Then she stopped. "Mamma," she said, "I've seen the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, but I never saw any allthatinthemiz. Where does God keep that?" The child had really believed that there was a certain separate creation called "allthatinthemiz" that she had never been able to find.—New York Evening Sun.

The Sailor's Lot.

Merchant—You made good time from the Fever Islands. How is the crew?

Ship Captain—Half of them are sick.

"Sick of the fever?"

"No; of the fumigations." — Good News.

While there may be some show of truth in the charge that Mr. Connor, of Dallas, bolted a democratic convention yet withal, there is some comfort left to the lover of pure old fashion democracy. In the fact that a few self constituted "bosses" of the party, over in the city of many folks, getting a lick on the bridge of their nose, a clever hint that there is a God in Israel.—Denton Monitor.

Collin county has 25,527 acres of wheat this year, yet it is a decrease of ten per cent in last years crop, and 17,827 acres of oats, a decrease of 15 per cent.

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A Dead Cat Mine.

It was the man on whose land natural gas was first struck in the Findlay, O., district, and he was telling some of us about it as we waited in the depot at Columbus.

"Wall, you know," he began, "my son Bill was a great hand to read. One day he laid away a book he had been reading and says to me:

"'Dad, I've been reading up on minerals and I'm goin' to find suthin' right here on our farm.'

"'Shoo, Bill,' says I, 'but you won't strike nothing outside of cobble stones and worms.'

"But he went at it and begun to dig and bore and fool around and leave me to hoe the corn, and one day he struck sunthin'. There cum sich an infernal smell that both of us was drove to the house, and then the smell got so bad that we was drove to a neighbor's, and we had to let the hogs out of the pen, or they would have keeled over.

"'Bill,' I says, when I got where I could breathe again, 'you said you'd strike sunthin', and you have. You've wasted three months' time gettin' down to whar Christopher Columbus buried about a thousand tom cats, and we've all been driv off the farm in consekence. It's my turn now to strike sunthin', and you kin git ready for the all-firedest lickin' a boy ever got.'

"I give it to him, gentlemen, and then I went spookin' around to find somebody who'd buy the farm at about the cost of the barn. A feller who seemed to hev catarrh and didn't mind the smell closed up a deal with me, and I had to grin as I walked off with his money under my arm. I kept on grinnin' fur about a week, but then I heard some news that stopped me, and I guess it's three years since I've opened my mouth sideways. Them dead cats was worth a hundred thousand dollars to me, and I sold 'em for $800 and walked around patting myself on the back fur bein' so all-fired cute."—New York Sun.

Miss Bradden as "My Lady."

Among the new knights are the brothers of two novelists, Miss Braddon and Miss Olive Schreiner. It has often occurred to me that it would be well to found an order for women which would give those possessing it the right to prefix "Lady" to their names. "Let me make the people's songs and I will govern them with ease," said somebody. And if any minister had the power to create "Ladies" my impression is that he would remain minister for a very considerable time. What peace would Jones, M. P., have if Mrs. Jones knew that it only depended on his submissiveness for her to blossom forth into Lady Jones?

Putting, however, aside this political advantage, why should distinguished men be made knights and distinguished women not be made ladies? If we are to have knights with ribbons round their necks and across their breasts, it would be only fair if these ornaments were also conferred on their wives. I am entirely against woman suffrage, but I see no objection to women sharing in all this sort of decorative adornment; and assuredly, if they merit a title, it is absurd that the only way for them to obtain it is to give one to their husbands. Mr. Braddon, I make no doubt, is deserving of the prefix of "Sir." But his sister, Miss Braddon, has at least an equal right to the prefix of "Lady."—Exchange.

A Successful Unknown Book.

I was talking with a subscription publisher, and in the course of our conversation he reached in his library and pulled out a book the title of which I never heard. It was called "God, Home and Heaven," a book as pretentious in size as in title. "What is there peculiar about the book? Well, I will tell you. Of that work there have been sold over one million copies," said the publisher, "and yet I'll wager that there are salesmen in the biggest New York stores who never heard of the book, and will tell you there is no such work printed."

This struck me as rather odd and I determined to make the test. I went into six of the largest book stores in New York that day and asked for a copy of "God, Home and Heaven." It proved exactly as my friend predicted. I encountered only one man who ever heard of the book, and he said he had no idea where I could get a copy. "Doubtless out of print for years," he added. And yet within two blocks of that man's store there was at that time printing an edition of 50,000 copies of the book on the presses!—Edwin W. Bok's Letter.

Mary Anderson's Photographs.

The reason that actresses are so successfully photographed is that they understand the laws of photography and conform to them. They usually assume the direction of the performance for themselves, and the photographer is willing to let them. Mary Anderson always superintends every detail of the operation that puts her features upon paper. Her London photographer says no picture of her face, except in direct profile was ever made without having the negative changed so as to make the outline of the cheek a little flatter than it naturally is. Miss Anderson thinks the contour of her full face is not oval enough, and so she is careful that any photograph of her shall remedy the imperfection.—New York Evening Sun.

The First Bank.

The Bank of England was established in 1694, and is older than any of the institutions of the class in any other of the great nations. It was not the first of the important financial houses, however. The Bank of Venice was created in 1101, that of Genoa in 1407, that of Hamburg in 1619 and that of Rotterdam in 1635. In 1803 the Bank of France was established.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Barnes' Chivalry.

George—I'm surprised that Barnes struck Homer on the nose after he was down.

Henry—Oh, Barnes is chivalrous. He always prefers to do a thing to a man's face rather than to his back.—Kate Field's Washington.

Metallic Railroad Ties.

Metallic railway ties are by no means a new invention, although the railway companies of the United States have been singularly backward in adopting them. They were laid upon European roads as early as 1860, and since that time the number has increased, so that in 1890 no less than 10,222 miles of track were laid with them. In addition to this there were, in the same year, 1,291 miles in Africa, 2,314 in Asia, chiefly in India, and 3,788 in Mexico, Central and South America; but in the United States, a nation usually in the lead of all improvements, there were only two miles, these having been put down as experiment. Quite aside from the question of cost it would seem that that of safety alone is of sufficient importance to justify the substitution of a substantial metallic tie for the short lived wooden one, with its unreliable fastening.

Three-fourths of a mile of track were laid with these ties on the Chicago, Western and Indiana railroad in Chicago in October, 1889, and the time elapsed has been sufficient to give results of some reliability. The ties were laid at a point where the ballast was light gravel, and the traffic eighty regular trains in one direction each day, the heaviest engine weighing 96,000 pounds, with 15,000 pounds on each pair of drivers. During the time that the ties have been down over 37,500 trains have passed over them, and the manager states that the cost of this maintenance has been so small as to be hardly worth taking into consideration.—New York Telegram.

She Was Too Eager.

A well known vocal teacher of Boston, whose reputation brings him pupils from all over the country, relates that there once came to him a lady who announced herself as a music teacher from another city, and declared her intention of taking a course of lessons. She asked his terms, and pronounced them satisfactory, and then went on to talk about the time of lessons.

"You see," she explained, "I have only a limited time in Boston, and I must manage so as to get the whole twenty lessons into that."

"How long are you to be here?" the other asked.

"Three weeks," she replied.

"Twenty lessons in three weeks!" he exclaimed aghast. "How could that be done?"

"Oh," she responded easily, "I could take two lessons some days."

"Yes," the teacher answered, "or you might take the whole twenty lessons one after the other all at once. That would only take about ten hours."

The face of the lady brightened.

"Would you really be willing to give them to me that way?" she asked. "Then I could get home inside of ten days, and get my advertisement as your pupil printed before the end of vacation." And the amusing part of the story is that the woman could not be made to see the absurdity of her suggestion.—Boston Courier.

Paddy's Idea of a Microbe.

Two sons of the Emerald Isle sat in the depot the other day, running from one current topic of discussion to another. They finally reached the subject of the great prevalence of sickness. "Are'n't yez afraid of typhide fever?" said Denis.

"Yis, I am," replied Pat.

"Pat?"

"Yes, Dinny."

"What are thase microbys and germs the docthers are talking about?"

"Waal, I'll tell yez my idee, Dinny. Them germs and microbys are paculiar things. Flannigan was tellin' me about them. He sez they reside in the wather. He was fishing Monday, and he pulled up his line, begob, and found a microbe on it. He sez it liked like a bullhead, but it had a paculiar face. He sez he threw it back afther he got over being scart. Me own opinion is, Dinny, that microbes are a paculiar kind of fish."

"Begob, I guess ye're roight, Pat. There's a good dale of sickness prevailin'."

"Yes," replied Pat, "there's a good dale, Dinny. There do be well paple complainin'."—Albany Argus.

Reptiles Seventy Feet in Length.

What the mammals are in the scale of creation today the reptiles were in the mesozoic epoch. They swam the seas, climbed trees and were most phenomenal jumpers. Some of them even flew. While some were herbivorous, living upon plants, others were carnivorous, preserving existence by devouring their vegetable eating cousins. The vegetarian reptiles were enormous beasts, often as much as seventy feet in length. They afforded food for the carnivorous reptiles, which were smaller than the herbivorous kind, just as lions and tigers nowadays are smaller than oxen.

Though bigger, the vegetarian creatures usually had no armor nor weapons to defend themselves with. Their most powerful defence was a kick, which, delivered with a hind leg fifteen feet in length, was assuredly not by any means to be despised.—Professor Cope in Washington Star.

Uncleanliness Often the Trouble.

The variety of shoes which claim to follow the natural shape of the foot is almost as large as those that do not. Some of these shoes are so absurdly broad at the toes that they give an impression that they were designed for a hoofed beast; others are ventilated in the sole. But, in spite of all these original and expensive patented devices, the fact remains that as many people escape all afflictions of the feet who wear ordinarily well shaped, hand sewn shoes as those who adopt eccentric shoes. It is evident that there is some other trouble besides the shape of the shoe that is at work.—New York Tribune.

Reasonable.

Father—My dear girl, the last gown you got was only eighty dollars, but this one is ninety dollars. Is this worth ten dollars more than the other?

Daughter — Certainly, father. Just think how much later it is.—Cloak Review.

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And soon thy sympathetic minstrelsy
Sends subtle strength through my dulled senses stealing.

In lonely moments, what a friend thou art!
My minor moods, my fleeting fancies sharing;
Thou canst express the secrets of my heart
In accents of rejoicing or despairing.

The one whose love I so desire to gain,
Would surely cease to doubt, it seems to me,
If all my longing, all my speechless pain,
Could find a voice, my loved guitar, through thee!

—Amy Elizabeth Leigh in Drake's Magazine.

Took Him a Long While to See It.

A man who returned not long ago from a stay of several months in London has some funny stories to tell of his experience with British wit. "The mind of the Briton is solid, but slow," he said. "and when it comes to his appreciation of a joke he can be trusted after a while to get to it, but the process is slow. This story is a capital illustration of what I mean: One day I went into a book shop on the Strand and asked for Hare's 'Walks in London.' In America the book is sold in one thick volume; the clerk brought it in two. 'Oh,' I said, as I looked at them, 'you part your Hare in the middle, do you?'

"I, sir?" he said with a bewildered look; "oh! no, sir."

I saw he didn't see the joke, so I didn't explain, but bought the books and went away. A week later I entered the same shop. As soon as the clerk saw me he rushed from the back of the shop laughing vociferously, and seized me by the hand:

"Good!" he shouted. "Capital: 'part your Hare in the middle,' that's capital, sir; capital."

I had thought it was rather neat myself, and it didn't take me a week to find it out, either.—New York Evening Sun.

Kindness Not Appreciated.

A little incident that amused the passengers in a Brooklyn bridge car the other day would seem to indicate that the semi-tough young man with a baby in his arms does not appreciate politeness. As the semi-tough young man is seldom seen carrying a baby it might, however, be hard to prove the rule. But this one was carrying a baby, and the tired looking woman with him was lugging a bag that looked twice as heavy as the baby. The woman was the first to see the only vacant seat in the car and dropped into it. And then a dapper young fellow who had been reading intently looked up, and his gaze fell first on the baby.

He apparently didn't notice that it was a man holding the infant, for he jumped up, lifted his hat, and said, "Please take my seat, madam." The fellow with the child scowled, but all he said was: "If yer speakin' to de kid, dat's all right, but if yer speakin' to me I'll smash yer face. See?" And he stood up all the way over, looking as if he felt much insulted.—New York Times.

Mohammed's Descendants.

To find families of an antiquity at once remote and certain we must go beyond Europe and seek them nearer the cradle of the human race. Mohammed died in 632, leaving nine wives and only one child, his daughter Fatima, who was married (as several other ladies were) to Ali, the prophet's first convert and chief lieutenant. From Fatima have descended the numberless sultans, nobles, cherifs, kings and emperors who, ever since the prophet's day, have constituted so important a part of the ruling class in the world which he organized. Today, after the lapse of thirteen centuries, it is the blood of the prophet that constitutes the title to nobility in the several countries of the east.—Chicago Times.

The Earliest Lens.

The earliest known lens is one made of rock crystal, unearthed by Layard at Nineveh. This lens, the age of which is to be measured by thousands of years, now lies in the British museum, with its surface as bright as when it left the maker's hands. By the side of it are very recent specimens of lenses which have been ruined by exposure to London fog and smoke.—New York Telegram.

The only real work of art in copper that now exists in India is the casting of Hindoo and other images for religious purposes. These are, of course, mostly to be found in old temples. Almost all the temples which can really claim antiquity have images made of copper, which are the perfection of art, and which, with all the assistance of machinery, could never be excelled or even imitated by European cities.

The largest kitchen in the world is in the Bon Marche in Paris. It has 4,000 employes. The smallest kettle contains 100 quarts and the largest 500. Each of fifty roasting pans is big enough for 300 cutlets. Every dish for baking potatoes holds 225 pounds? When omelettes are on the bill of fare 7,800 eggs are used at once. For cooking alone sixty cooks and 100 assistants are always at the ranges.

A monkey on shipboard used to amuse himself in the cook's absence by turning the water cocks, in order to enjoy that worthy's surprise when he returned and found the water running over the floor, and there are scores of authenticated instances of actual deception practiced by animals to gain some desired end.

In the West End of London, at Olympia, the large hall there, which is famous at present for its fancy dress balls, is 440 feet long, 250 feet wide and 100 feet high, and contains an area of nearly two and a half acres. Twenty-seven thousand people were present at a recent ball.

Denman Thompson recreates at Swansea, N. H., the scene of both his plays. When he is there he simply enjoys himself. He has built a church there and has a mortgage upon nearly everything mortgageable in the town, for everybody "touches" Denman.

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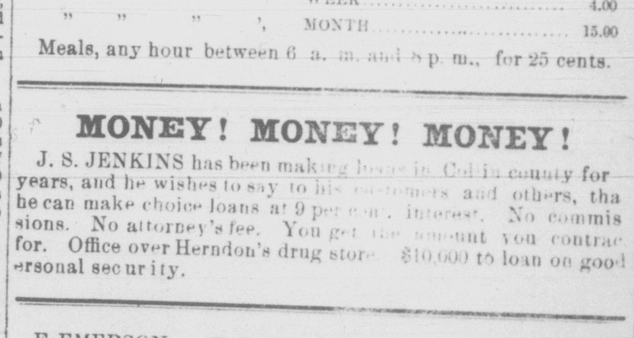

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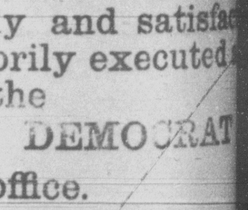

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